

Villiers Primary School



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Nursery

This week our theme has been based around *'We're all going on a Bear Hunt'*. We read the story and also watched the DVD of the story. We enjoyed joining in with the repeated phrases. In Maths we counted skittles and how many we had managed to knock over! We went on a Bear Hunt going over, under and through – fortunately we only found a teddy bear! We retold the story using masks and learnt the sound 't'. We also drew a bear on the computer using 2Paint a Picture programme.

Next week we are going to base our work around *'Brown Bear, Brown Bear. What can you see?'* which is all about different animals and colours. We are going to try and write sounds in our name and we are continuing practising our counting. We will also be sorting things in different ways and talking about Autumn fruits like apples, blackberries, raspberries and pears and then making them into a Fruit Salad. A letter has gone out to ask you if your child has any allergies to these – please let us know by Monday so we are aware. Thank you.

Keep practising your child's book at home – it's always lovely to read your comments. Also over the weekend can you double check all items of clothing, especially coats, are labelled. If your child's coat falls off the peg it is difficult to know who it belongs to.

On Thursday it is Spooky Day and your child can dress up in their Hallowe'en clothes if they wish! If you would like your child to dress up there is a £1 donation.

Remember that next Friday is an INSET day, so the children will not come into school that day.

Reception

This week we have been listening to the story of *'The Gingerbread Man'* we have been Fred talking the characters names. We have also been listening for the sounds in words

In Maths we have been practising our counting skills, we have been counting lots of things. We have been trying to stick the correct amount of buttons on the Gingerbread Man. This week we were able to use the iPads and practise our counting on the Gingerbread Man game. See if you can practise your counting at home.

In Topic we have been talking about our emotions happy and sad. We discussed things that might make us feel happy and things that make us feel sad. We have also designed our own Gingerbread Man.

Next week we are going to be listening to the story of the *'Dark Dark Tale'*. In English we are going to be listening for the sounds in words and answering questions about what happened at the beginning, middle and end of the story.

In Maths we are going to continue to practise our counting. We will be counting Halloween objects and practising writing our numbers.

In Topic we will be making spiders for Halloween. We will be using cardboard egg boxes. If you could send some in that would be great.

On Thursday we will be dressing up for Halloween. If you would like your child to dress up there is a £1 donation.

School will be closed on Friday due to inset day.

Have a lovely weekend and see you all Monday.

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Year 1 &
Year 2

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Year 1

In Maths this week we have been estimating. We have estimated how many cubes long lots of objects are. We are getting quite good at it! Next week in Maths we will be working on money. It may help your children if you start to identify some coins at home.

In English we have been creating our own recipe for Turnip Soup. Next week in English we will be continuing with our Fairy Tale theme.

In Topic we are continuing to work on our family tree. Please keep talking to your children about their family.

In Science we have been learning about our senses and we will continue with this next week.

Next Thursday will be Spooky Day so your child can dress up in their Hallowe'en costume. Please send a £1 donation.

Thank you for your support with your children's reading, spelling and times tables. Keep up the good work!

Remember next Friday is Inset Day.

Year 2

This week, we have been learning how to solve word problems in Maths. We have been applying our addition and subtraction skills.

In English, we have been learning about instructions. We identified their features and wrote our own.

In Topic, we enjoyed learning about The Great Fire of London. We learnt how the fire started and what happened.

Next week will be a very busy and exciting week for Year 2! We will be taking part in Black History week, completing activities about influential people.

We will also be taking part in Spooky Day on Thursday. Children can dress up in a costume and will take part in activities. Please send a £1 donation. If your child is on the second visit to Kingswood and won't be in school on Thursday, they can take a costume with them to Kingswood. They will dress up at Kingswood on Wednesday evening.

We have been busy preparing for Kingswood. We are all very excited! If your child requires medicine, please label it clearly and hand it to the appropriate member of staff on the morning of your visit. Visit 1 - Mrs Rainey. Visit 2 - Miss Price.

Remember next Friday is Inset Day.

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Year 3

This week has been very exciting for Year 3 as we have rehearsed and presented the school's harvest assembly. We all learnt our lines, spoke clearly and sang our hearts out! Thank you for helping your children to learn their lines. Also thank you for all the very generous food donations. These will be sent to the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd.

In Maths this week we have been collecting and presenting information. We learnt how to create accurate bar charts. Next week we will be looking at how to interpret data presented in a variety of forms.

In English we have been planning and writing non-chronological reports.

In Topic we have continued to look at the life of people in the Stone Age. We discovered just how tricky it must have been for them to make axes, hammers and spears out of sticks and rocks.

We would just like to remind you that next Thursday will be Spooky Day so your child can dress up in their Hallowe'en costume. Please send a £1 donation. Also please remember next Friday is Inset Day.

Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have been looking at how to divide by using chunking and vertical methods.

Next week we will be testing our knowledge of both multiplying and dividing and using the inverse.

In English we have been concentrating on sentence types to improve our writing. We have also been looking at rearranging sentences to make them better.

In Science we have been investigating if the amount of water in the bottle will change the sound it makes when we blow over it. We planned our own investigation and found out some interesting results.

On Monday we will be visiting Peascroft Wood to build our own Anglo-Saxon building as we had to postpone this week.

Can you please send children in with suitable clothing and footwear.

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Year 5 &
Year 6

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Year 5

We have been developing our Maths skills for subtraction and addition this week, using decomposition. We have been looking at addition and subtraction problems where digits are missing from the question and the answer.

The children have been working hard to try and find the missing digits that complete the sum.

We have continued our focus on Street Child this week, this time looking at themes within the book. The children have discussed the themes of poverty, caring for others and hope/loss within the story, and have been trying to recreate the themes in their own writing.

In Science we have finalised our investigation about height and bones. You could ask your children what they found out.

Please continue to hear your child read at home, practise their spellings and hand homework in every Tuesday.

Next week we will be holding a Spooky Day on Thursday 22nd October. Children can come to school dressed in a Halloween costume for a donation of £1.00.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 6

Year six have had a very productive week this week. We thoroughly enjoyed "Reading for Pleasure day". All children read non-fiction books and participated in lots of different activities linked to their books. A group of girls also held a bake sale for Macmillan on Monday and Tuesday, which was hugely successful, well done girls!

In Maths we have focused on using and applying within word problems and formal methods for multiplication.

In English we have been analysing the presentational features and persuasive language within a specific charity organisations website and have had the opportunity to write our own mission statement.

In Topic, we have been making our own suitcases, evacuee labels and gas masks for our WW2 topic. They look super!

Next week in Maths we will be multiplying decimals and dividing whole multi digit numbers using a formal method. In English we will be analysing different charity websites and writing non-chronological reports.

Next week we will be holding a Spooky Day on Thursday 22nd October. Children can come to school dressed in a Halloween costumes for a donation of £1.00. We look forward to seeing the gruesome costumes!

Have a good weekend :)

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