

# Villiers Primary School



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## Nursery

This week our work has been based around 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear. What Can You See?' In English we have been practising writing our name and holding our pencil correctly. In Phonics we learnt the sounds i and n. In Maths we practised our counting, counting bears to 10. In Topic we have made leaf rubbings and tasted Autumn fruit too! We especially liked the apples best, although we tried all of them. We had a lovely day today, with our spooky activities, making cat masks, spooky spiders, carving pumpkins and colouring in spooky things and making handprint ghosts! Scary!

After half term our topic will be 'People Who Help Us' and we will be starting with Firefighters. We will be learning about the job firefighters do, fire safety, reading non-fiction books and making firework pictures. The sounds we will be learning are 'p' and 'g' and we will be practising holding a pencil correctly and counting to 10.

Thank you to everyone who made a Firework safety picture with your child, they were so imaginative - well done! We will be sending home with your child today some WOW sheets, so you can share what you do with your child over the half term and Read, Write Inc. sound sheets for your child to practise over the holidays. Please return them when we return to school on Monday 2nd November.

In Nursery we are aiming to add to our cultural resources. If you have any children's clothes (Sarjis, suits etc.) that your child has grown out of we would gratefully receive them for our role play area. Also any dual language books, music CDs and toys.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break! All of the children have settled so well into their first half term at school and we look forward to hearing what exciting things you have been doing with your children when we come back to school..

## Reception

What a fantastic first half term it has been! Our first 7 weeks have flown by and Christmas will be here before we know it. Some of you may have been given some lines to learn ready for our Christmas production so make sure you try your best to learn them over the holiday. Don't worry if you don't have any lines you will be learning some dances and songs when you return to school.

We have had a lovely week this week. Children have made some super Hallowe'en pictures and decorations and have enjoyed our spooky story 'The Dark, Dark Tale.' We have also spent time practising writing our numbers and counting spooky objects. On Wednesday we were very lucky to have special visitors from the Music school. They taught us about lots of instruments from the Woodwind family including the flute, clarinet, oboe, bass clarinet and the saxophone. They used the instruments to tell us the story of 'The Gingerbread Man.' We had a wonderful time and could show them how well we knew the story. On Thursday we had 'Spooky Day' and had great fun dressing up and taking part in different spooky activities.

Over half term please make sure you are practising writing your full name and numbers ready for when you come back. If children do anything 'WOW' over the holiday please keep a note of this and send a 'WOW' sheet into school so teachers can see. Don't forget to practise your reading books and sounds as well!

Our new Topic after half term will be Celebrations and during our first week we will be looking at Bonfire Night.

We wish you all a restful half term and a Happy Hallowe'en! Remember to brush your teeth after all those sweets!

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## Year 1

Here we are at the end of the first half term and what a busy half term it has been. Well done to all the Year 1 children who have done a wonderful job of settling in and adapting to their new routines.

After Half Term we will be focusing on addition and subtraction in our Maths lessons.

In English lessons we will continue with our Fairy Tale theme looking at the story of the Billy Goats Gruff.

In Topic we will begin to learn about our local area.

In Science we will start a new topic called Everyday Materials. We will look at different types of material e.g. wood, glass, rock, plastic etc.

Please take the opportunity over the half term holiday to check that all uniform including P.E. kits are named

Keep up the good work you have been doing with your children's reading and spelling over the half term holiday.

Have a lovely restful holiday everyone!

## Year 2

What a busy and enjoyable week we have had! The children had a great time at Kingswood. They did lots of activities like picture orienteering, zip wire, climbing trees, blindfold trail and had a fun time in the play hall.

They even learnt to make their own bed! We also went for a walk on the Kingswood common and enjoyed meeting the animals at the Kingswood Centre.

During the residential, the second group enjoyed dressing up on Wednesday evening at Kingswood. While the rest of us enjoyed dressing up on spooky day. All of the children have completed spooky activities. We have written magical spells, made masks, pictures and decorated biscuits. A fun and spooky time was had by all!

We have also taken part in Black History week. We enjoyed discussing and learning about influential and famous people.

Please take the opportunity over the half term holiday to check that all uniform including P.E. kits are named.

We would like to thank you for your support this half term with listening to your child read, learning spellings and supporting with home work.

We would like to wish you lovely and restful half term.

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## Year 3

Wow—who would believe that only a few months ago our Year 3 pupils were only in Key Stage 1! The maturity they have shown in two months needs to be celebrated. To name a few things: they now use bigger tables and sit on bigger chairs, they write in cursive handwriting, they leave the school to go swimming, they have a different dinner time, they use different toilets, they have lockers and they even work longer days! I believe that your child deserves a well earned break over half term. Feel free to pamper them and help them unwind, ready for the Autumn 2nd term.

In Maths this week the children have been continuing to work with bar charts. They have been reading bar charts and interpreting the data to answer questions.

In English the pupils have been studying poetry. They have recited poems and unpicked poems to find out what makes a poem, a poem. On Wednesday the children took part in a spooky themed English day and produced some excellent pieces of writing.

In Topic the pupils have continued to learn about The Stone Age. They researched and wrote about Stone Age architecture.

## Year 4

Year 4 have been mastering division using chunking. I am confident that your child could explain this process to you so please ask them. If it helps, ask your child to answer  $126 \div 7$ , tell you how they did it and why the method they used was successful.

In English the children have been learning about poetry. They have been focusing on the imagery in poems by identifying similes and metaphors. Read this simile to your child and ask them why it is a simile and not a metaphor—*As busy as a bee* (it is comparing someone's level of energy to a fast-flying bee).

The children also visited Peascroft Wood this week. This was part of their Topic lessons and the children made shelters using natural materials. The teachers were very impressed with the children's creative ideas.

At the final part of the week the theme was Black History. The children chose an important figure in Black History to research and then present to the whole class. Some of the selections were Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and Mary Seacole.

A number of the children have mentioned activities they are doing for Black History Week outside of school. Feel free to send in anything they have done.

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## Year 5

This week in English we have finished working on Street Child and started looking at Oliver Twist. We found Charles Dickens hard to understand. After half term we will be looking at poetry.

In Maths we have finished looking at addition and subtraction. We have taken a test and most of us have improved. After half term in Maths we will be moving on to multiplication and division.

In Topic we made our Aztec temples. We had a super afternoon using our designing and making skills.

Please ensure you are listening to your child read every day, helping them learn their spellings and practise their times tables. These basic skills are essential to ensure your child is making good progress.

Today the children looked fantastic in their spooky outfits. Thank you for the £1 donations.

Have a lovely half term.

Year 5 Staff

## Year 6

This week Year 6 have been looking at the crisis in Syria to help them understand what it is like to be a refugee and to write a report using relative clauses, emotive and figurative language. Pupils have taken a real interest in why the crisis started and how it affects hundreds of thousands of people. The pupils have produced some really good work that shows their understanding and interest.

In Maths, Mrs Kaur's group have been investigating angles, Mr Critchlow's group have been using formal multiplication to multiply whole numbers by decimal numbers and Miss Woolley's group have used formal methods for short division.

Our children still struggle with their times tables. Please practise their times tables up to 15 so that they are fluent in number and can rapidly recall an answer.

In Topic we have finished our D+T/Art project to make an evacuee suitcase and they all look fabulous. The pupils really enjoyed the task.

After half term we will be looking at children's experiences in Europe during World War II, in Maths we will be continuing application of number and fractions and in Science we will begin our Physics topic all about light.

We hope you have a restful half term.

Year 6 staff.

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