

Villiers Primary School



**Nursery &
Reception**

**Weekly
Newsletter**

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been thinking of who helps us in case we have a fire. We learnt what fire fighters wear and what they do. We learnt to be careful around hot things and to never play with matches. Next week we are going to be thinking about the Police and how they help us.

Next week we will be sharing our reading books with our teacher, retelling our story and answering questions. Please remember to send in Reading books and flash cards every day, so we can change them and give out new ones. Don't forget we check every week to see if your child has read 3 times at home. If they have, we tick their chart and move them up the Reading Tree. When your child has 8 ticks, they receive a free book of their choosing! Some children have the maximum number of 6 ticks so far — keep going mums and dads!

In Maths this week we practised counting and matching to numbers. Next week we will be teaching the children how to use the Maths resource, Numicon, to help with counting.

Next week we have lots of Special Days— Diwali Day and Children in Need Day. We will be doing lots of Diwali activities and learning about children who are not as lucky as us and why we have Children In Need Day.

Thank you to you all for all the wow sheets, Maths sheets and Read, Write Inc. sheets we have been receiving and for continuing to hear your child read at home. We appreciate you supporting your child's learning at home, especially as we know how busy you all are.

Many thanks for sending in P.E. kits so promptly. If you haven't already sent your child's in please do so by Tuesday please. Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you all as usual, on Monday!

Reception

Welcome back everyone we hope you all had a restful half term. It's been lovely to hear about all the exciting things you got up to.

This week we have been learning all about Bonfire night. In English we have been trying to write firework sounds, in Maths we have been counting fireworks and in Topic we have been learning about how to stay safe on Bonfire night.

Next week we are going to be thinking about Remembrance Day and Diwali. In English we are going to be practising our handwriting skills and sharing our reading books and words with our teachers.

In Maths we are going to be counting and in Topic we will be learning more about why people celebrate Diwali.

On Wednesday we can dress up for Diwali either in traditional dress or bright colours. On Friday it is Children in Need and another day where we can dress up, this time as our hero. It will be interesting to see who the teachers dress up as.

Thank you to you all for practising your words for our Christmas Production. Keep practising using clear, loud voices. We will be going in the hall to go on the big stage next week. We can't wait for our parents to come and see how hard we have been working.

On Friday it was a little bit sad as Mrs Hickman left to have her baby. We hope she comes in to see us soon as we can't wait to meet her new baby and we shall all miss her lots while she is on maternity leave.

Have a lovely weekend and if you go to a Bonfire party or have fireworks in your garden remember to stay safe.

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Year 1 &
Year 2

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Year 1

A good start back to the second half of the Autumn Term with all children refreshed and ready for lots of hard work!

In Maths next week, we shall be concentrating on place value and working with numbers 1 - 100 and multiples of 10.

Poetry is the focus for next week's English; we shall be learning and reciting poems and finding rhyming words. The use of correct punctuation is always a big area for Year 1 across all their written work.

We shall continue investigating our local area in Topic and especially our own personal addresses and how to write them.

In Science we shall be continuing our investigations into everyday materials and naming some of those around us.

Next Wednesday is our Diwali Day and the children can come to school either in traditional dress or brightly coloured clothes to celebrate the Festival of Light together.

Year 2

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely half term. Thank-you for your support for our 'Wear it Pink Day'.

This week in Maths we have had an exciting week using capacity to make our own potions. We have used different units of measure including; millilitres and litres. For your homework, we would like to find different liquids to measure that are more or less than a litre. Next week, we will be continuing the topic of capacity and creating our own investigation.

This week, in English, we have planned and written a recount of Kingswood and our holiday news. We have encouraged children to write in the past tense. At home you could give your child different words that could be changed from the present to the past tense. In particular, please insist upon the correct use of the words 'was' and 'were' in sentences. In English, next week, we will be developing our writing by using expanded noun phrases.

We hope that you have enjoyed the fireworks this week. In Topic, we have learnt why we celebrate on the 5th of November. Next week, we will be continuing the topic of 'London's Burning'.

Next week on Wednesday, is our Diwali Day. Your child is able to come to school dressed in brightly coloured clothes or traditional dress.

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Year 3 &
Year 4

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Year 3

Year 3 have started the new term by becoming poets. They have read a lot of poems and identified description and imagery through the use of verbs and adverbial phrases. On Thursday the theme of the poetry was Bonfire Night. The children wrote firework poems and drew some splendid pictures on black paper to accompany.

In Maths the children have been learning more about addition. They started the week learning new, rapid recall strategies for addition and then moved onto learning the expanded column method to add. Here is an example of this method:

$$\begin{array}{r} 267 \\ + 85 \\ \hline 12 \quad (7 + 5) \\ 140 \quad (60 + 80) \\ \hline 200 \\ \hline 352 \end{array}$$

In Topic the children made clay pots and wrote newspaper articles on the computer about Iron Age settlements.

In P.E. the children continued with gymnastics and improved their balances and counter balances.

Much progress has been seen in swimming since September and this week no kit was lost! Well done, Year 3.

Year 4

Year 4 have started to practise their Christmas play, 'Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies', with more determination and force this week. Rehearsals are now part of timetabled music sessions and after school on a Thursday at 3.30pm-5pm. Can I remind you that at these after school rehearsals the children need to bring a snack and are to be collected promptly from fire doors connected to the New Hall. So far the play is looking very good: all parts are cast, all songs have been sung and we are now aiming to do a complete run through.

In Maths the children have been learning about time. They have been using a number line to find the difference between multiple times. It is a good idea if your child has a watch and practises the time at home.

In English the theme has been Science Fiction. Children have been writing character descriptions, making sure they include fronted adverbials and adverbial phrases.

In Topic we have been learning about Anglo Saxon farming and food and wrote an Anglo Saxon recipe to feed a family of four.

In French the pupils have been reading Sleeping Beauty.

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Year 5 &
Year 6

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Year 5

Welcome back. We hope you all had a lovely half term break.

This week in Maths we have been learning to multiply large numbers using a formal written method, including long multiplication and some word problems.

In English we have read and written our own poem based on a train in small groups and performed it to the class.

Our Science topic for this half term is 'Earth and Space'.

We have thought about what we already know and what we would like to know by the end of this topic.

In P.E. our theme is 'Dodgeball'. We have been practising our throwing and dodging skills.

In Maths next week we will be doing division using a formal written method and applying this to word problems.

In English next week we are basing our reading and writing on Greek myths.

Please help your child to complete their poppy by Tuesday, as this is to be used as part of a display.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 6

Welcome back to our second half term. Well the week began in an exciting way with our badge-holders visiting the Houses of Parliament.

This week in English, we studied the picture narrative of Rose Blanche. The children created some interesting summaries and wrote from Rose's point of view. Maybe you could ask your child to retell the story to you.

In Maths, Mrs Kaur's group and Mr Critchlow's group have begun to explore fractions. We will also look at their relationship with decimals and percentages. Miss Woolley's group have been exploring properties of 2D shapes.

In Topic, we are continuing with our WWII theme and are now exploring the experiences of European children. This week we created our own timelines and discovered the historical background to WWII. Why don't you quiz your child on it? The children are really enjoying this topic so we have decided to create some Topic Homework which will be linked to their English homework. **Children have all been asked to create WWII memory boxes and have been provided with a sheet to explain this. Please can you ensure they are completing the suggested activities and adding them to their boxes. We appreciate your support.**

We have started a new topic in Science - Light. The children will plan and carry out an experiment.

Next week we will be remembering the soldiers that died in the World Wars and will also be celebrating Divali on Wednesday.

Enjoy your weekend and we look forward to another interesting week!

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