

Villiers Primary School



Dates for Your
Diary



Nursery & Reception

Weekly Newsletter

Nursery

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a great start to the New Year. Nursery have settled back into school really well and have been doing some super work on recognising and making patterns using colours. They have also been sorting and ordering objects by size. Next week we will be continuing to push children with Maths as we have noticed this is an area all children need some extra practice. We will be focusing on recognising and writing numbers and will also be looking for shapes in and around school. It would be great if parents could practise counting and shapes with children so they can become confident in this area.

For our focus task this week we would love to see a picture of children with a shape they can see around home or out and about. We can then show these in class and discuss what shape they have found. Our secure email address is nursery@villiersprimaryschool.co.uk. If you would prefer to print the picture at home and send it in with children then please feel free.

Attached are some WOW sheets for you to write down any wow moments you have with children.

On Monday we have P.E so if you haven't already sent in P.E kits, please send them in on Monday so we have them for our lessons.

Please make sure all hats, scarves and gloves (if possible) are labelled now we are in very cold weather. Santa has been generous with new clothing and we want to make sure everyone has belongings returned. A little reminder in regards to uniform-children should be wearing full Winter uniform which includes a tie for boys and girls. Shoes need to be black and if children wear boots when walking to school these then need to be changed into school shoes when children arrive. Thank you! Have a great weekend!

Reception

Happy New Year to you all, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and Santa made an appearance.

We have had a great start to the new year in Reception. Our topic this half term is 'Winter Wonderland'. We will be linking all our activities to this topic. In Literacy this week we have looked at Percy the Park Keeper and have used our phonic knowledge to write about the story. In Maths we have been looking at strategies to find one more. Keep practising at home and show your parents how good you are. In Topic we have been thinking about the birds in Winter time and how they find it hard to find food. We have made bird feeders for them. For our homework task this week we would like you to take a photo of your birdfeeder in your garden. Our secure email address is reception@villiersprimaryschool.co.uk. We look forward to seeing your photos of the birds enjoying their delicious treat.

Next week we will be looking at the book Polar Bear and the Snow Cloud. In Literacy we will be retelling the story. In Topic we are going to look and talk about ice and in Maths we are going to start adding two numbers together.

Just a little reminder children must bring their reading books to school every day. Thank you.

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Year 1 &
Year 2

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Year 1

Happy New Year everybody! The children have made a great start to 2017. We have been very busy this week.

In English we have been looking at Traditional Fairy Tales and we will continue this next week .

In Maths we have been learning how to tell the time to the hour and half hour.

In Science we are investigating our new Topic- Animals, Including Humans. We have been asking scientific questions and have discussed what we already know and what we would like to find out about the topic. Next week we will be naming a variety of animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

During Art, we will be sketching different toys from the past and thinking about the texture and the appearance of the toys while we are drawing them.

The children have worked hard this week so we hope they all have a fun and relaxing weekend.

Year 2

Happy New Year.

We have all settled back to school well and have made an excellent start to our new topics.

In English we have been reading 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl. We had to write a detailed description about Mr Twit. He is revolting! We also wrote a letter to him to try to persuade him to change his messy ways.

In Maths we have been using money to make amounts. We were really good at identifying the different coins and worked with a partner to make sure we understood the value of each coin.

In Science we started a new topic called 'Animals Including Humans'. We had to think about what we wanted to find out and talked about what we already knew about animals and humans. Did you know that an octopus has three hearts?

Thank you to everyone who completed the homework set for the holiday. We enjoyed reading all about your Christmas break.

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Year 3 &
Year 4

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Year 3

Happy New Year to you all from Year 3 staff—we hope you and your families had a relaxing and happy holiday!

This term we are starting a new Topic. Our History topic is 'The Empire Strikes Back', which is all about the Roman invasion of Britain and the impact they had on our country. It also covers their lifestyle and how this impacted on the Celts, who lived in Britain at the time. This week we looked at how the Roman Empire spread and the timeline of their rule in Britain. Our English work this term is linked to the Romans. In Guided Reading, we are studying 'Romans on the Rampage' by Jeremy Strong and in English we have been describing Roman artefacts. We have been comparing texts to see which devices are the most successful and why. Next week, we will be looking at conjunctions, alliteration, similes and metaphors.

In Maths, we have been looking at how arrays can help us solve multiplication problems. Ask your child to explain what an array is!

A quick reminder that Year 3 will be going swimming next week, so they will need all their kit, including hats. If you could also make sure your child has their PE kit ready for Monday's lesson.

Year 4

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all !!!!

We have a very exciting half term planned for the children.

In English, we have been looking at newspaper reports which link to our new topic: Ancient Egyptians.

We have been using talk for writing to retell a newspaper report on the suspected murder of the pharaoh Tutankhamen .

In Mathematics we will be spending the next three weeks investigating fractions.

We have looked at how to find unit and non-unit hundredths of a shape and an amount.

We will be investigating further to identify equivalent fractions and finding out how to simplify them.

We have our wonderful cornet concert to look forward to this half term so keep a look out for more information on that.

We will also be having a visit from local fire officers to talk to the children about fire safety and the hazards they could encounter.

They will also teach children about what to do in the event of a house fire.

Can you please ensure children come to school with all the equipment they need for the day including homework and their reading book.

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Year 5 &
Year 6

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Year 5

Welcome back and we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year! All children have made a fantastic start to the term and we are impressed with the children positive attitude towards their learning.

This week during English, children have been enjoying story writing. The text that has been used is 'Gangsta Granny' and children have been investigating the language features that have been used and why they have been effective. Next week, we will be continuing this theme and our focus will be on description. Children will be creating their own story using a model. At home, you could find different David Walliam stories and see if any books have different similarities or similarities.

During Maths, children have been focusing on fractions. Children have been comparing fractions and ordering them. Next week, children will be simplifying fractions and finding ways to add or subtract them. At home you could give your child different values and they have to find the fraction of that amount. For example $\frac{3}{4}$ of 200 is ...

We have introduced our Topic of 'Britain has Got Talent'. During this term we will be looking at different British authors, our local area and what makes Britain great! If you find any information about these topics please bring it into school to share with your class.

Have a lovely weekend!

Year 6

Welcome back! We all hope you have had a fantastic Christmas and a well deserved restful break.

This week children have started to complete some Sample 2016 SATs papers for Maths and next week will complete the tests for English. Children continue to make themselves familiar with the high expectations that SATs require. With SATs week fast approaching, all children need to ensure they are revising at home for each subject.

Next week, we will be continuing our new topic of "Climate Change" where we will be debating linked themes and completing persuasive letters. In Maths we will be completing some feedback sessions from the tests and will also be dividing and multiplying large numbers using written methods.

Please continue to support your child with times tables and spellings for their weekly test on Friday.

Have a great weekend.

Year 6 Staff.

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