

Villiers Primary School



Nursery & Reception

Weekly Newsletter

Dates for Your Diary

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Nursery

This week Nursery have written numbers and found shapes around school. We have found lots of shapes and have been able to say the correct shape names. Children have tried hard to recognise and write numbers and would really benefit from continued practice of this. Next week we will be counting objects and matching the correct number to the correct quantity.

We would like to ask if anyone may have an old toy pram they wish to donate to Nursery. Children really enjoy playing in our home corner and our current pram is looking a little worse for wear so any donation would be greatly received.

Could we ask parents to ensure children refrain from playing with toys under the shelter when waiting to come into school. We are finding this area is becoming messy and with the worsening weather it is difficult to keep it tidy when we are not using the area daily. Thank you for your support with this.

This week's Focus Task is to send a picture of children writing numbers. However, if we are lucky enough to have a downfall of snow we would love to see children enjoying some snow fun. These pictures would be perfect for our Winter Wonderland display. Our email address is nursery@villiersprimaryschool.co.uk.

Have a great weekend and keep practising your books and sounds!

Reception

This week in Reception we have been exploring the topic Winter.

In Literacy we looked at the story of The Polar Bear and the Snow Cloud, thinking about how the story ends and what animal we would like to appear.

In Maths we have been practising our counting skills with our snowflake addition.

Ice has been the main focus of our Topic work where we looked at why Olaf was melting in front of the fire in Frozen. We have been experimenting to see how the ice melts and what else would make it melt faster. We have also been using our artistic skills by painting on the ice.

Next week we will be looking at the Arctic and all the different kinds of animals that live there. We have sent home a Polar regions home learning challenge for the children to find out a little about our topic for next week.

Our Reception Home Learning Challenge this week is eating something healthy. Please take a picture of your child eating something healthy and send it to reception@villiersprimaryschool.co.uk.

Please make sure your child reads at home at least 3 times a week and brings their book to school.

Could we also ask parents to ensure that children are not playing with school equipment under the shelter in the mornings before school.

Have a wonderful snowy weekend.

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Year 1

We are well and truly back into the swing of things this week. Christmas seems like a distant memory.

In English we have been writing our own version of Beauty and the Beast. We have been using the conjunctions 'because' and 'and' to join our sentences. Next week we will be focusing on using adjectives.

In Maths we have been reading clocks and ordering the months of the year and the days of the week.

In Science we have been learning about the different characteristics of animals and how they have adapted to their surroundings. We will continue with this next week.

A quick reminder that spellings and times tables are given out each Friday and a spelling test takes place on the following Friday.

Please continue to practise your children's reading books on a daily basis and sign the diary to say when the book is completed.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Year 2

We have had another busy week in school this week.

In English, we have been linking all of our work to Florence Nightingale. We described some houses from the past using expanded noun phrases and then wrote a day in the life of Florence using the past tense.

In Maths, we have been solving problems using money. Today we visited some shops in the classroom and chose some items to buy using the correct amount. Next week we will be continuing our work on money.

In Science, we looked at the life cycle of a human and talked about each of the stages. We then put the stages in order.

Just a reminder that homework is set each week on a Monday and is due in on Thursday. New spellings are given each Friday ready for the test the following Friday. We have P.E. every Tuesday and Wednesday so please ensure full kit is in school.

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Year 3

We have been learning so much in our lessons this week!

In English we have learnt about similes, metaphors, alliteration and conjunctions. In case your child mentions them and you'd like to support your child at home, a simile is a comparison using like or as (E.g. as bold as brass), a metaphor is a comparison without using like or as (E.g. computer brain), alliteration is repeating a sound in a sentence (E.g. ravishing, ruby, rose) and a conjunction joins two sentences together (E.g. because, so, yet). We have been describing a Roman scene using all of these things.

In Topic we have learnt all the things we can thank the Romans for, as they introduced them to Britain, the police, language, cats, roads, libraries and even stinging nettles! We decided what we thought was the most important and decided, as a class, it was clean water!

Have a super weekend!

Year 4

This week we have continued to look at fractions; finding equivalent fractions using multiplication and division and fraction walls. Next week we will be looking at finding the link between improper fractions and mixed numbers; adding or subtracting fractions and solving problems involving fractions.

In English we have been looking at instructions on how to mummify a pharaoh and we have been writing our own using different skills such as fronted adverbials. Next week we will start to look at the story of Egyptian Cinderella.

In Science next week we will be looking at our teeth; the different types we have, what jobs they do and how to keep them healthy. In Topic we will be comparing modern day Egypt with the UK.

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Year 5

This week during English, children have continued using the text 'Gansta Granny'. Children have used 'Talk for Writing' to plan and create their own version of the story. Children had to create their own characters and setting, whilst writing in the style of David Walliams. All teachers have really enjoyed reading these stories. Next week, we will be focusing on non-fiction writing and looking at the features of a letter.

As part of our Maths lessons this week, children have continued investigating fractions. Our focus has been finding equivalent fractions and developing an understanding as to why they are equal. Ask your child to explain how they know $\frac{1}{2}$ is the same as $\frac{2}{4}$. Next week, we will be converting fraction and finding amounts.

Our Topic of 'Britain's got Talent' has continued and we have been researching famous British inventors. Children had the opportunity to use I pads to independently research an inventor and explain what they have found. Thank you to all parents who have help their child research this topic and thank you to children for sharing the information they found.

Just a reminder that homework is sent out each Friday and should be returned to school by the following Monday.

Year 6

This week in Maths we have been feeding back the Maths tests that were completed the week before. We have also been concentrating on multiplying and dividing decimals and then solving word problems.

In English we have been having a debate about endangered animals. We have also written a persuasive letter about stopping poaching using a range of sentences starters, emotive language and rhetorical questions.

In Science we have started a new topic, 'Inheritance and Evolution'. We discussed specific vocabulary and sorted cards into 'Inherited Characteristics' and 'Acquired Characteristics.'

In Topic we have written an explanation about how volcanoes are formed.

Next week in Maths we will be working on algebra.

In English we will be focussing on floods.

Continue to encourage your child to revise for their SATs in May. Your child should be able to recall all of their times tables within a couple of seconds.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 6 staff