

Villiers Primary School



Nursery & Reception Weekly Newsletter

Dates for Your Diary

- Book Fair
23rd - 27th January
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3:30am - 4:15pm
- Football Match
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Nursery

Nursery have worked matching numbers to quantity this week as well as continuing work on 2D shapes.

Next week we will be comparing groups of objects and seeing what happens if we add more or take some away. We will be trying to describe which groups have more or fewer. Children will also be having a go at describing positions of objects such as: next to, behind, in front, on top and under. Our Focus task for this week is to send a picture of children in one of the positions described above-under, on, behind, next to... We can then look at these in class and ask children to describe their position using the correct language. Email pictures to nursery@villiersprimaryschool.co.uk.

*On Friday we will be learning about Chinese New Year and will be cooking vegetable stir fry. **Please complete and return the attached consent form ASAP so children can take part in this activity.***

Next week we have the book fair in school. It will be open from 8.30-8.50am and 3.30-4.15pm and can be accessed from the KS2 playground. Please come in and have a look at the books on offer. Any money raised will go towards new books for school.

Don't forget to practise your reading books and sounds at home. Have a lovely weekend!

Reception

We have been working so hard this week.

In Literacy we have been writing some interesting facts about Penguins. In Maths we have been using subtraction and in Topic we have been learning about Arctic Animals.

Next week we are going to focus on The Chinese New Year, the year of the Rooster. In Maths we are going to focus on finding 1 more and 1 less. In Topic we are going to be talking about the Chinese New Year. We will be making drums to celebrate and learning the New Year song.

As the weather gets colder can you please make sure children come to school in a coat and have a hat and scarf, which are all named. Thank you.

Our Reception Home Learning Challenge this week is looking at an information book. Please take a picture of your child and send it to reception@villiersprimaryschool.co.uk

Have a lovely weekend, and don't forget to practise your reading books.

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Year 1

Well, what another busy week we have had in Year 1!

In Maths we have been focusing on place value. We have made our own 2 digit numbers and have compared them looking at their different values. Next week we are adding and subtracting from 2 digit numbers. Please continue to practise times tables with your children particularly 2, 5 and 10s.

In English, we have listened to the story of 'Room on the Broom'. We have explored different adjectives that we could use in our own writing and we have retold the story. Next week, we will be writing our own version.

In Science we have been grouping animals according to their characteristics. Next week we will be identifying different types of animals using sorting diagrams.

In Topic we have written letters to children in the past to find out how they play.

Can we please remind you that all children should have a sports type water bottle labelled with their names, in school every day.

Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2

This week in Maths we have been finding change from different amounts. We visited our class shops again and worked out how much change we had to have back from the shop keeper.

In English, we have continued to link our work to Florence Nightingale. We imagined that we were soldiers and wrote a letter to Florence Nightingale. We also researched the hospitals from the past and compared them to hospitals today.

In French, we have been learning how to say our colours. We played lots of games and sang a French song. Do you know how to say any colours in French?

In Art, we did some observational drawings of Winston Churchill, William Shakespeare and Florence Nightingale.

Just a reminder that spellings and reading books should be practised every night and PE is on a Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Year 3

In English this week we have been looking at the structure of a newspaper report headline, orientation paragraph (like an introduction), main body and concluding paragraph. We looked at how a report is always written in the past tense and how alliteration is used in headlines to grab the reader's attention. We then had a go at writing our own newspaper reports.

In Maths we have been learning about the inverse, how we can use a fact we know to solve a problem. E.g. We can use $5 \times 3 = 15$ to solve $15 \div 3 = \underline{\quad}$. We also used our times table knowledge to work out scaling and ratio problems.

In Topic we have learnt how the Roman army was key in the success of the Roman Empire and the tactics they used against the Celts across Europe and in Science we investigated what was the strongest magnet from a bar, ring and horseshoe (ask your child to tell you what we concluded!)

Don't forget it's swimming for Year 3 on Wednesday. Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you all again on Monday.

Year 4

This week we have been looking at adding and subtracting fractions, improper fractions and mixed numbers. We have been solving problems involving division to find a fraction and adding or subtracting fractions to solve problems.

In English we have been looking at the story of Cinderella and the similar story of The Egyptian Cinderella. We have been using 'talk for writing' to retell the story and will be working towards writing our own version.

In topic we have been comparing modern day Britain and Egypt, looking at population and other data.

In science we have been investigating our teeth, their different shapes and the jobs that they do.

We have also held our first music concert which many of you attended, thank you. The children have worked very hard to learn to play the cornet this term and are looking forward to playing the next instrument.

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Year 5

This week in English, children have been learning how to write their own letters. We began the week identifying features of a letter that persuaded us to apply for the show 'Junior Bake off'. The children enjoyed applying the skills they had learnt to their own letter convincing others to apply for Britain's Got Talent. We were extremely impressed by the persuasive language children used in their letters. We were definitely convinced!

In Maths, we have been looking at how to convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers. This has helped the children develop an understanding of how fractions can be represented in different forms. Impressively, children understood this concept very quickly and demonstrated their own reasoning behind their answers.

During Topic, we have continued our Topic 'Best of Britain'. Children have been researching how the British fashion industry has changed throughout History and where some of our most popular British food is produced.

Thank you for all your support and have a wonderful weekend.

Year 6

It's been another interesting week for Year 6.

In English, the children have really enjoyed developing their debating skills where they had to put their points across persuasively and convince the opposing side of living near a river. We definitely have some future politicians in Year 6! They continued to present these arguments in their writing. We are so proud with the way the children are using their writing skills to develop into passionate writers. Next week, we will be looking at speech writing.

In Maths, the children have really challenged themselves with learning algebra. This is a really useful subject as it develops their skills of solving puzzles and helps them to persevere. Next week, we will be moving onto studying measures and conversions.

In Topic, the children have explored flooding and in Science the children identified how animals and plants adapt to their environments.

We will continue to send extra revision for children to practice. Would you kindly ensure they are completing as much as this revision as possible as it will support them in their final SATs.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend.

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