

# Villiers Primary School



## Nursery & Reception

## Weekly Newsletter

### Dates for Your Diary

- Football Match - Home  
2<sup>nd</sup> February  
Villiers V Parkfields  
3:30pm - 5:00pm
- KS1 Multiskills - Moseley  
2<sup>nd</sup> February  
4:00pm - 5:00pm
- Animal Man  
3<sup>rd</sup> February

### Nursery

*This week Nursery have worked hard at comparing groups of objects saying when groups have the same number or have more or fewer. They have been fantastic at describing the position of objects. Friday was lots of fun with cooking our vegetable stir fry. Hopefully children enjoyed eating it too!*

*Next Friday we have the Animal Man coming into school and have decided to spend our week thinking about how we can care for animals during Winter. We will be making bird feeders for children to take home as well as using construction materials to build homes for birds. Have a look to see what birds you can spot while at home this weekend.*

*We have had our book fair in school this week, hopefully you have all had chance to pop in and see what is on offer. It finishes at 4.15pm today so please come in if you can. We had a lovely time on Thursday dressing in our comfy clothes and sharing some great stories.*

*Our focus task this week is for children to send a picture of them caring for a pet at home (or a cuddly toy pet). The email address is [nursery@villiersprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:nursery@villiersprimaryschool.co.uk)*

*Keep practising your books and sounds at home. Have a lovely weekend!*

### Reception

*We've all had an exciting time in Reception this week. We have enjoyed celebrating the Chinese New Year. We have read stories, made Chinese drums and spring rolls. In Maths we have been practising saying one more and one less than a number.*

*In Literacy next week we are going to be reading the Gruffalo's Child. We are going to be learning all about rhyming words. Help me at home think of different rhyming words, such as cat, mat, sat and hat. Have a look to see if you have any rhyming story books at home that you can bring in to share with your class.*

*In Topic we are going to be practising our ICT skills. We are going to have fun and use the Beebots to make them find the animals in the woods. Ask me about this next week!*

*In Maths we are going to continue to develop our mathematical skills. We are getting really good at using our teen numbers. Please help me practise at home.*

*Our Reception Home Learning Challenge this week is our family. Please take a picture of your child with their brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents or any other special family member and send it to [reception@villiersprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:reception@villiersprimaryschool.co.uk)*

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

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Year 1 &  
Year 2

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## Year 1

Another exciting week in Year 1. We have all enjoyed having the Book Fair at school this week. Thursday was a really fun day where we did lots of activities based on stories by Julia Donaldson such as *The Smartest Giant in Town* and *the Highway Rat*. We enjoyed sharing our books with our friends in class.

In Maths we have been using a hundred square to help us add 11 to 2-digit numbers and we have been subtracting multiples of 10 from 2-digit numbers too.

In English, we have continued to look at the story of *Room on a Broom* but we have included a new character and used lots of amazing adjectives in our writing. We have also practised holding a sentence.

In Science we are continuing with our topic on Animals Including Humans. This week, we have classified animals according to different criteria and we have used what we already know about animals to help us with using branching diagrams. Next week we will be looking at the differences between living and non-living things.

In Topic next week, we will be thinking about what materials we will need to make a toy from the past and we will design these in our sketch books.

Just a quick reminder, please ensure all school uniform and P.E. kit, including pumps are labelled with your child's name. This will enable any items that are lost to be returned.

## Year 2

In English this week we have based all of our work on *Mary Seacole*. We found out all about her life and then wrote about it using conjunctions, adjectives and expanded noun phrases.

In Maths, we have been learning about 2D shapes. We described their properties, drew them, sorted them and identified them based on their properties. Have a look to see what shapes you can see at home. Write them down and bring them in to school. For example, my windows are rectangular.

In Art, we looked at an artist who created portraits using fruit and vegetables. We sketched our own designs and next week we will be making them using pictures of fruits and vegetables.

On Thursday, it was our Reading for Pleasure afternoon. We had a fun afternoon completing activities based on our books. Thank you to everyone who donated £1.

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## Year 3

*This week in English, we have been looking at Newspaper reports. We looked at examples of newspapers and picked out the language we thought was particular successful.*

*This culminated with us writing a newspaper report on Friday in our Golden books (for our best writing!) - we did really well!*

*In Maths, we have been learning all about time. On Monday, we made a clock and we used this during the week to solve time questions and word problems.*

*In Science, we investigated how friction can affect how fast and easily things move over a surface. We tested how fast a car could move on wood, sandpaper, rubber, carpet and felt. Surprisingly, the car moved faster on the rubber surface and we thought this might be because rubber has bounce (like rubber tyres, trainers) which affected the speed.*

*Have a lovely weekend from all of us in Year 3.*

## Year 4

*We have had a great week in maths this week looking at comparing and rounding decimals. Next week, we will be starting our topic in time where we will be looking at the relationship between months and days, solving real life problems and converting between hours, minutes and seconds.*

*In English, we will be continuing our Egyptian Cinderella topic but now we will be writing our own version of the story as a Viking Cinderella, using what we have learned about the Vikings in our Topic lessons.*

*In Science, we will be conducting our Poo Investigation to observe how the small and large intestine work to extract the vitamins and minerals that our body needs to function and grow.*

*In topic, we will be looking at the discovery of King Tut's tomb and writing about the events in more detail.*

*This week, 4TJC will have their visit from the fire service to talk about fire safety around the home, after which we will be holding a poster competition where ten children per class can win a prize for the most informative poster.*

*Have a lovely weekend.*

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# Villiers Primary School



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Year 6

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## Year 5

*We would like to thank all parents who came to the Book Fair and we hope you are enjoying the books that you purchased!*

*During English this week, children have been focusing on tenses and using brackets. Children have continued to develop these skills by writing about our topic 'Britain's Got Talent!'. They have enjoyed writing their own persuasive report. Next week, our focus will be on poetry.*

*In Maths, children have been continuing their work with fractions. Children are now confident adding and subtracting fractions and have now moved on to using multiplication. Children have used different resources to develop an understanding of why fractions are calculated in this way. Next week, we will be starting to convert fractions into decimals.*

*During Topic next week we will hopefully be creating our very own 'Bake Off tent'! Please could we ask for any donations of any empty shoe boxes.*

*Thank you*

## Year 6

*This week has been jam-packed! Our school book fair was a huge success with lots of children buying books and spreading the joy of reading. Our Reading for Pleasure day on Thursday was also riveting, with children bringing in their own reading books from home. Children also made some fantastic creations linked to their books.*

*In English this week we have written persuasive speeches based on Climate Change and some children (Alex Jeavons, Isabella Giorgio-Jones and Sarin Kainth) had the opportunity to read their speech in front of the year group. They were phenomenal! All children did a great job.*

*In Maths we have been converting and ordering metric measures, including solving word problems based on this skill.*

*Next week in English we will be writing short narratives based on the film "Volcano", using figurative language and a range of sentence structures and in maths will be focusing more on shape.*

*Please ensure that your child practises their spelling each day after school to help increase their score on Fridays.*

*Thank you.*