



Valley Primary School
Growing and Learning together
to be the best we can be!
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Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn Second Half Term 2024

Important Information

Dates:

Scholastic Book Fayre: 14th- 20th November

Pyjama Tales: 14th November 5pm-5:45pm

Elmdon Church Visit: Wednesday 11th December at 9:30

Christmas Calendar of Events to be shared separately.

Reading – Please read with your child at least three times a week and sign the reading diary to earn rewards.

IT Rockstars – Weekly homework due each Monday morning.

Library – Please ensure your child has their library book on their library day:

Churchill 2 – Monday. Nightingale 2 & Pankhurst 2 – Thursday.

English

Text Focus: Rapunzel by Bethan Woollvin and The Secret of Black Rock by Joe Todd-Stanton

- Alternative Traditional Tale.
- Poetry – writing and performing.
- Diary entry – writing in role.
- Story writing.
- Responding to illustrations.
- Enrich vocabulary and understanding of the impact of language on readers and audience.
- Apostrophes for contracted words.
- Commas in a list.

Healthy Schools

Science – Living Things

• Identify things that are living, dead and never been alive. Describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival.

P.E.

- Work as part of a pair to combine actions in gymnastics
- Work as part of a team to complete a task in team building activities.



Topic

Key Focus Subject: Design & Technology

Art (Engage)

- Design a Rangoli pattern
- Explore chalk as a medium of art

D.T.

- Research, select and prepare ingredients for a savoury Indian dip to taste.
- Explore what a balanced diet is.
- Write a simple recipe.

Geography

- Locate the UK and India on a map and name the relevant continents and oceans.
- Explore the key features of major cities within the UK.
- Compare the physical and human geographical features of a small part of the UK and India.

Maths

Key Instant Recall Fact: I aspire to recall multiplication and division facts for the 10x table.

Addition and Subtraction

- Add two 2-digit numbers.
- Subtract a 2-digit number from a 2-digit number.
- Solve missing number problems.

Geometry

- Recognise and draw 2-D and 3-D Shapes.
- Know the properties of shapes.
- Lines of symmetry.
- Sort 3-D shapes.

SMSC

Our Key School Value this half term: Collaboration

Our Life Skill this half term: Physical Health

P.S.H.E.

- Celebrating differences – challenging assumptions and stereotypes about gender; understanding bullying; standing up for yourself and others; making new friends.

R.E.

- Christianity – Jesus as a gift from God. Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?

Personal Development

Mental Health and Well-being

- Staying focused and calming techniques

Computing

- Use the Internet safely to search.

Music

- Ho, Ho, Ho – The children will learn to sing and sign a Christmas song.