



**Valley Primary School**  
Growing and Learning together  
to be the best we can be!  
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# Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn First Half Term 2024

## English

Text Focus: Gregory Cool by Caroline Binch  
and Mouse Bird Snake Wolf by David Almond

- Instruction writing
- Adventure story writing
- Correct letter formation and sizing
- Time connectives
- Imperative verbs
- Punctuation and capital letters

## Maths

Key Instant Recall Fact: I know number bonds  
for all numbers to 20

Number: Place Value

- Count from 0 in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100.
- Read, write, represent, compare and order numbers to 1000.

Number: Addition and Subtraction

- Add and Subtract numbers mentally including 3 digit numbers with ones, tens and hundreds.
- Add and Subtract numbers with up to 3 digits, using formal written column methods.

## Healthy Schools

### Science

- Compare and group different rocks.
- Describe how fossils are formed.
- Recognise that soil is made from rocks and organic matter.

### P.E.

- Fundamentals



## Topic

Key Focus Subjects: History and Art

### Art

- Explore pre-historic art in the form of cave paintings and natural materials.
- Using paintbrushes, investigate and imitate different examples of visual texture and shades of colour.
- Use and investigate techniques to produce shape, texture, pattern, lines and strokes.

### History

Enquiry Question: How did life change in Britain during the Stone Age?

- Investigate the transition from nomad to settler.
- Understand how people used tools to survive.
- Explore Stone Age settlements

## Important Information:

Dates – Curriculum Evening **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 6pm.**

Parents Evenings – **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** and **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

PE – **Hockney 3:** Tuesday and Thursday

**Riley 3:** Monday and Friday

**Lowry 3:** Tuesday and Wednesday

PE – **Pupils are asked to come into school wearing their outdoor PE kit for the full school day. Shorts and pumps should be left in school. Beginning WB 9<sup>th</sup> September:**

Earrings must be taken out or covered with plasters before school on your PE day.

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

Library – Please bring in three books to be shared

## SMSC

Our Value this half term: Responsibility

Our Life Skill this half term: Mental Health

P.S.H.E.

- Understand the importance of rules and how they help us to learn

R.E.

- Hinduism – understanding Diwali

M.F.L.

- Learn how to introduce ourselves, say our age and count to 12 in French

## Personal Development

Mental Health and Well-being

- Set our own targets for learning

Computing

- Learn to create algorithms, refine a program and control a simulation

Music

- Learn the difference between pulse and rhythm and sing in unison