



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

ASPIRE... ENJOY...
ACHIEVE...CHALLENGE!

English

Text Focus: Traction Man by Mini Grey and
Pattan's Pumpkin by Chitra Soundar.

- Sentence writing with adjectives.
- Using correct letter formation for each letter, starting and finishing in the correct place.
- Punctuation including capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.
- Conjunctions including 'and' and 'because'.
- Spelling Year 1 common exception words and tricky words.
- Applying phonics knowledge to sentence

Maths

Key Instant Recall Fact: I aspire to subitise within 5.

- Number: Place Value (within 10)
- Number: Addition and Subtraction (within 10)
- Count, represent and compare numbers
- Using counters, tens frames and part-whole models
- Number skills
 - Explore how 5 can be composed of two parts.
 - Automatically recall number bonds up to 5.
 - Identify that 5 can be seen as a 'square'

Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 1 Half Term 2024

Healthy Schools

Science

- Identify the names of different everyday materials – wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock.
- Sort and describe the properties of different materials.

P.E.

- Fundamentals



Topic

Key Focus Subjects: History and Design and Technology

History

Enquiry Question: Why do we remember Neil Armstrong?

- Investigate the 'Space Race'
- Find who Neil Armstrong was and understanding his significance
- Consider the impact of Neil Armstrong's mission
- Explore people's reactions to the moon landings

D.T.

- Explore the structure and use of a pivot

Important Information

Dates – Curriculum Evening **18th September 6pm**
Parents' Evening **22nd and 24th October**
Phonics Workshop **24th Sept (Shaw 1), 25th Sept (Bell 1), 26th Sept (Lee 1)**

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 9th September:

Bell 1 – Monday and Wednesday

Lee 1 – Tuesday and Thursday

Shaw 1 – Tuesday and Thursday

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

Library – Please ensure your child has their library

SMSC

Our Life Skill this half term: Mental Health

Our Key School Value this half term:

Responsibility

P.S.H.E.

- Discuss feeling special, safe and being part of a class; rights and responsibilities; rewards and feeling proud and discussing consequences.

R.E.

- Christianity – the Creation story

Personal Development

Mental Health and Well-being

- Explore feelings and improve concentration

Computing

- Logging on independently
- Online safety and exploring

Music

- Hey You! – Rap Music.