



**Valley Primary School**  
Growing and Learning together  
to be the best we can be!  
ASPIRE... ENJOY...  
ACHIEVE...CHALLENGE!

### Literacy

Text Focus: Bedtime for Monsters and Gruffalo

- Start new phonics groups – your child may have a teacher who is not their class teacher for Phonics.
- Read CVC words
- Begin to read short phrases/sentences
- Read some set 1 red words
- Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems.
- Start to develop phonic knowledge by writing some recognisable letters in sequence.

### Expressive arts and design

- Perform song, rhymes, stories and poems with others moving in time to the music.
- Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.

### Personal, social and emotional development

- Understand how to persevere when tackling challenges.
- Recount times when we persevered towards a goal.
- Set a goal and work towards it.
- Use kind words to encourage people
- Say how I feel when I achieve a goal.

## Reception Newsletter

### Spring First Half Term 2025

### Communication and language

- Hold conversations when engaged in back and forth exchanges with teachers and peers.
- Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary.
- Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding.

### MONSTERS

### Physical development

- Create movements to music.
- Use a range of movements to create a small dance.
- Use scissors effectively.

### Maths

Key Instant Recall Fact: I can recall number bonds within 5

- Compare mass using key vocabulary, heavier, heaviest, lighter, lightest, heavy, light, equal to
- Compare capacity using key vocabulary such as full, empty, half full, half empty, nearly empty.
- Understand composition of number 6 and 7 as 5 and a bit.
- Compare sets of objects using less than, more than and equal to. Make equal sets.

### Important Information:

#### Dates

Reception Parent Workshop (Numbots and Oxford Owl E-Library) - **Thursday 23rd January 9-9.30am.**

Individual and Class Photos - **Thursday 30th**

#### **January**

Reception Express Event for Parents - **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

#### **February 2.45pm**

PE - **Monday** (Crylls), **Wednesday** (Peake) and **Thursday** (Aston).

- All PE kits must stay in school in a plain purple or black draw string bag. Earrings must be taken out or covered with plasters before school on your PE day.
- All clothes items, bags and water bottles should be clearly labelled with the child's first and last name.

We cannot return lost property unless it is named.

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

Library books – Please read this with your child several times so that they can become familiar with it and begin to join in familiar parts. Please return it the following Friday.

Our Value this half term: Respect

Our Life Skill this half term: Time Management Skills

### Understanding the world

- Discuss similarities and differences between the natural world around them and other countries.
- Identify seasonal changes.
- Discuss changes to states of matter.
- Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on own experiences and what has been read in class.