



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

Year 1 Newsletter

Spring 1 Half Term 2025

Healthy Schools

Science

- Continue to observe the changes across the 4 seasons and describe weather associated with them.
- Explain that the length of day changes with the seasons.

P.E.

- Gymnastics – Develop techniques and control when performing shape jump and rolls to link actions in a quality sequence.
- Target Games – Develop underarm and overarm throwing techniques for accuracy and distance.



Topic

Focus Subject: History

Enquiry Question – What was significant about Queen Victoria?

D.T.

- Make, taste and evaluate a Victorian Sponge cake in cooking and nutrition.

History

- Discover what Victorian schools were like.
- Explore the roles and duties of a Monarch
- Explore who Queen Victoria was and her life.
- Uncover the achievements and legacy of Queen Victoria.

Important Information

Dates – Y1 Engage (dress up) – **Wednesday 8th**

January.

Individual and Class Photos (No PE kits) – **Thursday 30th January**

Express Afternoon Tea (One parent invited per child) – **Thursday 13th February, 2.4-5pm.**

PE – Pupils are asked to come into school wearing their PE kit for the full school day. Pumps should be left in school.

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 book on their library day:

Bell 1 – Thursday. **Lee 1** – Tuesday. **Shaw 1** – Friday.

SMSC

Our Key School Value this half term: Respect P.S.H.E.

Set goals and identify success and achievements. Learn to explain how it feels when we are successful. Learn ways to keep your body safe and healthy.

R.E

- Talk about your friends and why you like them.
- Know how Jesus tried to be a good friend.
- Talk about a person you admire.

Personal Development

Mental Health and Well-being: Mindfulness

Computing

- Learn to use the keyboard correctly.
- Create animated story books.

Music

- Keeping the pulse using body movements.
- Understand that pitch describes how high or low sounds.
- Blues music – 'in the groove'.

English

In English we will be looking at two texts 'The Last Wolf' and 'Beegu'. We will be writing a letter and diary entry linked to the above texts. Focussing on:

- Use **because, also, and, so...** and how these are used to elaborate sentences.
- Use a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun /.
- Use exclamations for impact e.g. **It's amazing!**
- Use the spelling rule for adding **-s** or **-es** as the plural marker for nouns.
- Use the suffixes **-ing, -ed, -er** and **-est** where no change is needed in the spelling of root words.
- Use the prefix **un**.

Maths

- Addition and subtraction within 20
- Place value within 50.
- Counting forwards and backwards within 50.
- Subtraction crossing 10.
- Counting/ordering and representing numbers to 50.
- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- 1 more and 1 less.

KIRF – I know all addition and subtraction facts for all numbers between 0-10