



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

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

### English

Text focus: The Dark and 10 Things I Can Do to Help My World.

- Write for different purposes including description, persuasion letter, and discussion and debate.
- Punctuate different sentence types accurately.
- Use conjunctions to link sentences.
- Write in role in order to develop empathy with characters and explore characters and events.
- Spell the Year One common exception words

### Maths

Key Instant Recall Fact: I can read o'clock and half past on an analogue clock.

We will be studying the following topics:

- **Place value within 100** – partition and compare numbers within 100.  
Find 1 more and 1 less.
- **Money** – Recognise coins and notes and counting coins.
- **Time** – read o'clock and half past times
- Consolidation of: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, Shapes and Fractions.

# Year 1 Newsletter

## Summer 2 Half Term 2023

### Healthy Schools

#### Science

We will be focusing on **Plants**.

- Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees.
- Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.
- **PE:** Agility, static balance and athletics.

## NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, WEST



### Topic

Key Focus Subject: **Geography**

#### History

- Make predictions, explore and compare life in Elmdon 50 years ago.
- Investigate how Elmdon Park has changed within living memory.

#### Geography

- Describe locations using compass directions and directional language.
- Identify human and physical geography of Elmdon Park.
- Construct basic keys on a map.

#### Design and Technology

- Explore, design and make a playground swing model.

#### Art:

- Explore different types of media and use a chosen media to create observational drawings.
- Use a range of techniques to add texture

### Important Information:

**Dates:** 7<sup>th</sup> June- Engage: Elmdon Park geography fieldwork.

29<sup>th</sup> June – Transition Day

PE is on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**, this half term. Indoor and outdoor kits should stay in school. Please label all items. Earrings must be taken out or covered with plasters before school on your PE days.

**Library** – Please ensure your child has their library book on their library day: All Year 1 classes will visit the library on **Thursday**.

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

### SMSC

**Our Life Skill this half term:** Interpersonal Skills

**Our Key School Value this half term:** Courage

**P.S.H.E** the theme is Changing Me.

- Life cycles – animal & human.
- Changes Since Being a Baby.
- Differences between female & male bodies.

### RE

**Theme:** Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

**Key Question:** Are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur important to Jewish children?

**Religion:** Judaism.

### Personal Development

#### Mental Health and Well-being

- Breathing and mindfulness techniques.
- Enjoying the outdoors.

#### Computing

- Recognise how to use technology in the home.
- Draw a simple graph, e.g. pictogram/block graph.

#### Music

- Explore tempo
- Perform 'Your Imagination' using glockenspiels.