

This week Nursery children have been performing puppets shows and making posters and invitations for it too. They have loved dough disco this week, this helps the children strengthen the muscles in their hands and fingers ready for writing. They then used the dough to make dinosaur fossils for the sand exploration tray. In literacy Big Bears have been naming and describing their imaginary dinosaurs... 'Mrs Brainasaurus Rex' is our favourite!



This week we have experienced The Big Freeze in Year 1. With the classroom transformed, the children were rather excited when they walked into the Arctic on Monday. We started the week being immersed in the sounds, sights and feeling of cold that comes with being in the North Pole. We have explored the properties of ice in science, and thought about how arctic animals move in PE. In English we have been focussing on writing in the past tense by adding -ed to verbs as if we were writing a diary. In maths, we have been using a number line for addition and subtraction.

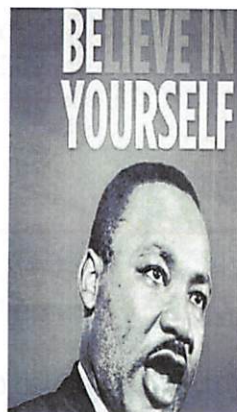
In Year 3 this week we have been taught by Mr Hope as Mrs Murdoch is poorly. In maths we have been using the column method for subtraction and addition and checking our answers by doing the inverse operation. In literacy we have been doing descriptive work by looking at a picture. We have also been advertising chocolate for a newspaper article and for TV.



This week in Year 2... OUR CLASSROOM FROZE!! We came in on Monday to find our classroom frozen over and turned into the North Pole. We really enjoyed writing our letters of complaint to Mr. Yeomans demanding to have our heating turned back on. In maths we have looked at counting on in tens, backwards, forwards and even with numbers that don't end in 0s (21, 31, 41). Everyone has worked super hard!



Did you know that it was Martin Luther King Day on Monday? We have been learning about how he campaigned for equal rights for everybody. We even made our own 'I have a dream...' speeches! In maths we have been looking at decimals and we have been writing about the Pixar short film called 'Piper'.



Year 5 went to De Lacy Academy for an afternoon of taster sessions and to meet the staff.

As you can see they were very creative in their Art lesson. The children really enjoyed it and I think it has settled their nerves.

Cressida Closs has visited Year 6 this week, she's a modern version of a classic fairytale, I wonder if they can tell you which one? We have been writing character descriptions, incidents reports and her background information. In maths we have been doing long multiplication and percentages. In PE we have been doing athletics and in art we have been drawing the house from our stories last week, working on our pencil control in the first picture of our sketchbooks.



Leadership signposting

If you have any questions or queries in the first instance please see your child's class teacher. If after speaking to a teacher you require to speak to a Senior Leader then Mr Yeomans and Miss Taylor will be more than happy to help you. Thank-you for your continued feedback. The Vale Primary Academy strives to ensure achievement for all: working in partnership with our families to enable learners to develop emotionally, socially and academically within a safe and secure environment. Mr Yeomans holds regular Parent Voice meetings and all are welcome. Staff are available to answer questions or queries and Mr Yeomans is usually on the yard before and after school. Please feel free to come and speak to us.

Please take time to look at these useful links to help keep your child safe online

<http://ceop.police.uk/>

<http://www.netsmart.org/Safety/SafetyTips>

Anti-extremism and radicalisation website -

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

<http://www.educateagainsthate.com>

<http://www.childnet.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe>

Behaviour

Children who demonstrate an acceptable standard are awarded points. To be awarded a point the children would have to be in the right place, at the right time and doing the right thing.

This week **202** children have been GREEN all week.

Big Bears	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
30/30	27/28	31/31	26/28	31/31	28/29	29/30

WELL DONE!

Attendance and Lates

90.7% and 10 lates

Our attendance target for the year is 96%

Year to date: 94.7%

Big Bears
88.0% 1 late

Year 1
87.1% 4 lates

Year 2
86.4% 1 late

Year 3
91.4% 2 lates

Year 4
92.1% 1 late

Year 5
94.2% 0 lates

Year 6
96.3% 1 late

Star Pupils

Big Bears: Riley Sharland

Year 1: Paige Heys

Year 2: Michael Ncube

Year 3: Connor Runton

Year 4: Megan Simpkins

Year 5: Jake Smith

Year 6: Ronni Messenger

Well
Done!

Up and Coming Key Dates

19/01/17 3.30-4.00 Open Classroom
 30/01/17 Anti-Bullying Week
 TBC 3.30-4.00 Open Classroom
 10/02/17 School Closes
 20/02/17 School Re opens
 27/02/17 E-Safety week
 TBC 3.30-4.00 Open Classroom
 23/03/17 3.30-4.00 Open Classroom
 27/03/17 British Values Week

TWITTER – TheValePrimary @Vale_Primary

WEBSITE – www.thevpacademy.org.uk

Open Classroom

After listening to Parent Voice it has been decided to move some Open Classrooms to alternative days of the week. These days are to be confirmed.