

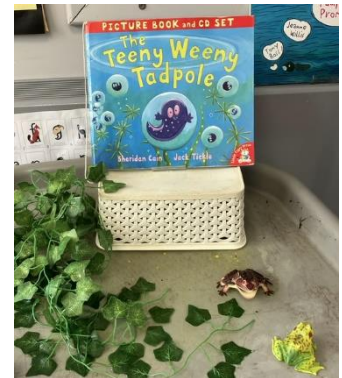
Miss Cartwright's Weekly Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Early Years the children are continuing to explore and observe their caterpillars and how they have changed. They are also exploring the lifecycle of other animals including tadpoles! The children show such enthusiasm to their learning and I have heard some great stories they have created from this.

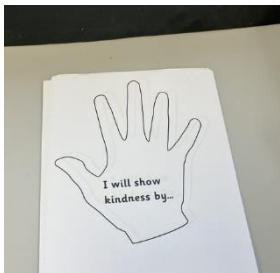


Year 1 have completed some fantastic writing this week! Here we can see Holly Lister's fabulous work. Well done to all Year 1s who have worked so hard. I have loved hearing



your innovations and fabulous ideas throughout the unit. Year 1 have already started a new unit, learning to write an information text.

Today Year 1 are also completing work on kindness which links with their RE unit. Year 1 are such a kind year group, so we all look forward to them being able to share their acts of kindness with other classes- what role models!



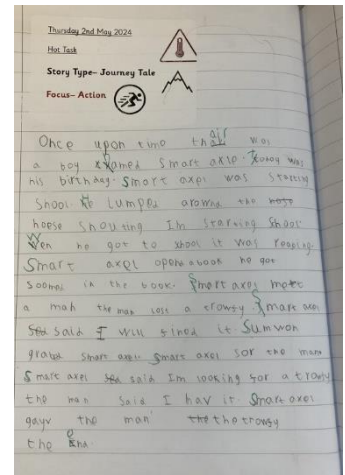
Year 2 have been continuing with their science, comparing seeds and bulbs germination. They are growing their own plants in the classroom to help them observe it physically in front of them. Year 2 have also continued with their art, this week exploring tints and

shades by adding white or black to a colour. From the skills I have seen so far I know we are going to have some fabulous end compositions.

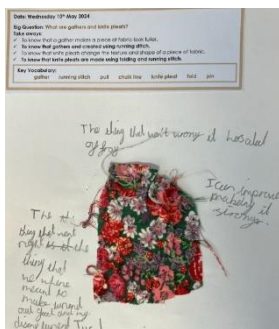
Year 3 are still enjoying their Ancient Egypt unit but this week they have been learning about farming. This has linked perfectly with some alternative texts in reading.



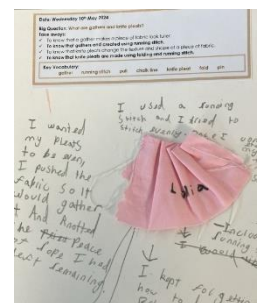
The children have worked on information texts which also directly links with their new writing unit of Stone Trolls, an information text. I really look forward to seeing what mythical creature the children write to inform us about.



Year 4 have continued with their sewing unit and this week have practised sewing pleats into fabric. This is incredibly tricky and the takes real focus and determination. In reading they have continued Harry Potter, writing letters, similar to the ones that Harry himself receives. Year 4 have also completed their hot task, where they wrote a warning tale. What a busy week Year 4!



Year 5 have continued their angle work in maths, this week progressing onto angles on a straight line and angles around a point. In RE the children have been learning about the branches of Christianity- Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox and Protestants. This unit, alongside their summer politics unit will directly feed into their Autumn term in Year 6. The children



are already really excited about their upcoming learning.

Year 6 have worked exceptionally hard, not just this week but for the whole of the academic year so far. The resilience they have shown and the dedication to being the best version of themselves has been outstanding. All I can say to them is that we are already so proud of what they have achieved, and we know they will do an amazing job next week. Thank you to all parents and staff who have supported with this, at time, tricky time.

Safeguarding

Mobile phones are a fantastic for many reasons. They are a great way for children and adults to keep safe while out playing, they can help friends and family stay in touch, and they are great to play games or access educational apps. However, we are seeing an increase of incidents where mobile phones have caused upset, and safeguarding concerns. Please see the link to support young people using phones safely.

[Get smart about smartphone safety | Internet Matters](#)

Attendance Matters

Well done Year 4! The second class to receive their £20 to spend as a whole class. I look forward to seeing how they decide and what they decide on.

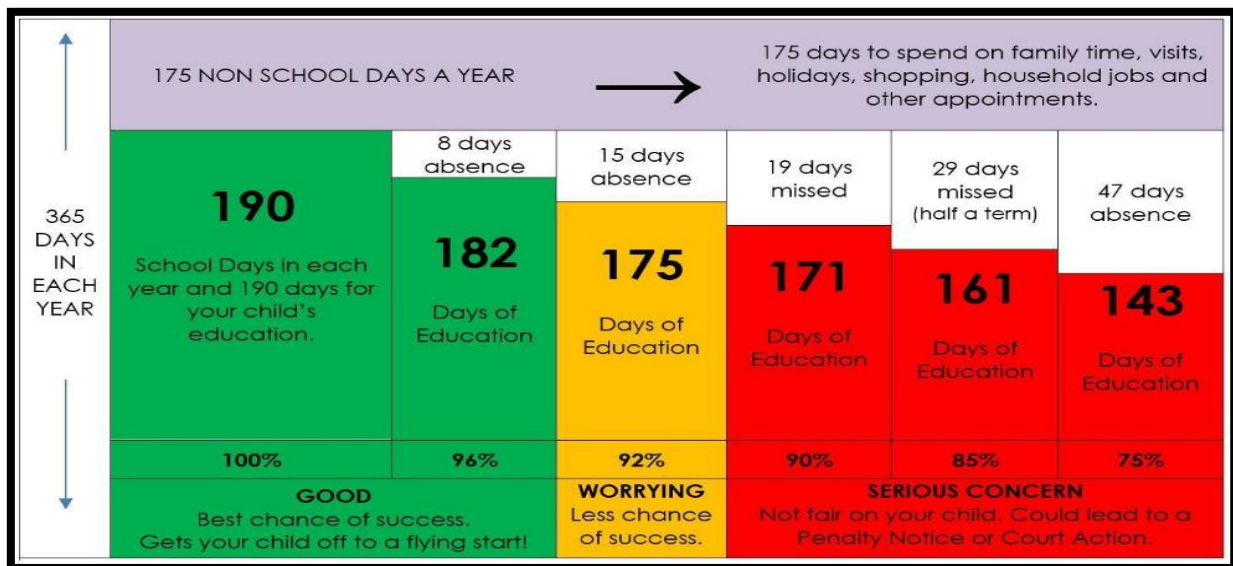
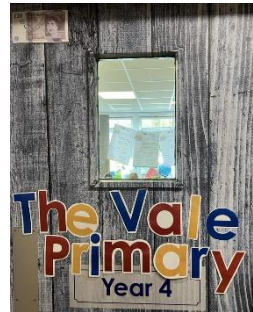
A reminder that if a class gets 100% attendance on a day then they receive a letter that will end up spelling THE VALE PRIMARY. Once they get every letter, they receive £20 to spend as they wish as a class.

Celebrating our Talents and Interests

Thank you so much to the people who have already sent in you photos. A reminder that if you would like to, if you have any photos of sporting achievements, activities that children love doing or anything at all which celebrates their talents and interests we would love to add them to our school display. This could include sports medals or certificates, images of the children reading, fishing, arts and crafts, woodwork, doing activities with family members, anything at all that they love doing! If you would like to share, please email photos to info@thevpacademy.org.uk

I hope you all have a fantastic, and hopefully sunny, weekend.

Miss S Cartwright



| PUPIL OF THE WEEK | |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| CATERPILLARS | Bonnie B / Roseann S |
| BUTTERFLIES | Darcie T |

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| PANDAS | Billy F |
| TIGERS | Darrell M |
| GAZELLES | Isla M |
| ELEPHANTS | James L |
| PENGUINS | Carson G |
| SNOW LEOPARDS | Quinn P |

| <u>Attendance</u> | |
|-------------------|-------|
| CATERPILLARS | 88% |
| BUTTERFLIES | 87.9% |
| PANDAS | 93.3% |
| TIGERS | 95.8% |
| GAZELLES | 93.8% |
| ELEPHANTS | 96.4% |
| PENGUINS | 93.2% |
| SNOW LEOPARDS | 98.1% |

| <u>HOUSE POINTS</u> | | | |
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| WHARF | SWALE | DERWENT | AIRE |
| 301 | 349 | 291 | 311 |



Key dates for your diary

SCHOOL EVENTS SUMMER TERM:

13.05.24 Mental Health Awareness Week

17.05.24 Wear it Green Day

21.05.24 World Day for Cultural Diversity

Games Spelling Bee- letters out this week with a revised date for those selected.

22.05.24 Tempest Class Photographs

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT SUMMER TERM:

SEND Surgery- every Monday

Sports Day (date still to be arranged in line with Elite availability)

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