



Coming Up

07.10.24 Year 3 will be Visiting Barnsley Museum to learn all about the Stone Age, their current history unit.

18.10.24 Year 3/4 Dodgeball Elite Festival for selected children. Letters to be out soon.

Update from Miss Cartwright

Hi everyone,

I hope you have had a lovely week and enjoyed what was perhaps the last of the summer sun.

We have had a fantastic week at The Vale and in particular I have thoroughly enjoyed time on the playground with the children. A highlight was seeing some fantastic Year 3s creating games for other children to join in with. Our Playground Buddies have had a positive impact on break times.

The friendly and a warm atmosphere that our children create because of their kind and caring nature is amazing and this has been noted by many visitors within the academy.

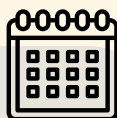
Have a lovely weekend, see you next week!

Miss Cartwright



Diary Dates

Dates For Your Calendar



Autumn

Every Wednesday 14:50 Reading afternoon

07.10.24 Year 3 Barnsley Museum Educational Visit

09.10.24 NHS Flu vaccinations

14.10.24 Individual and sibling photographs with Tempest

22.10.24 Bulb planting in the local community

31.10.24 West Yorkshire Police knife crime talks with Years 5 and 6

19.11.24 Year 2 visit linked to The Great Fire of London

Halloween and Christmas celebrations and performances to be announced



Early Years

POTW
Lottie

Reception have had a very exciting week. They had a special delivery from Little Red Hen. Within the delivery was flour, oil, yeast and water. The children guessed it might be to make bread but they were too sure.

The next day they received a letter from Little Red Hen. In the letter Little Red Hen included some wheat and explains that this is what they used to make the flour. I wonder what will come next?!

The children have taken their new reading books home this week to enjoy with parents.

For some family fun homework this week. I have asked the children to collect items that are a sign of Autumn. For example conkers, leaves etc. I look forward to seeing them!

Mrs Pearson



Year 1

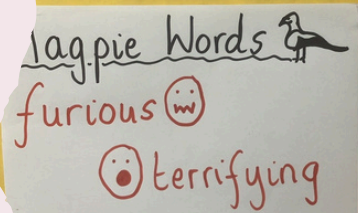
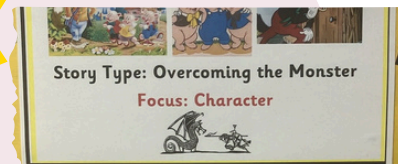
POTW
Aila

P.E is on Wednesday for Year 1 and Forest School on Thursday.

This week the children have been innovating their model text - The Three Little Pigs. This story is an overcoming the monster and the children are beginning to make changes to create their own 'overcoming the monster tale'.

The children have also really enjoyed their computing lessons where they practised their mouse skills and learned to drag and drop to complete a puzzle.

Miss Roberts



Year 2

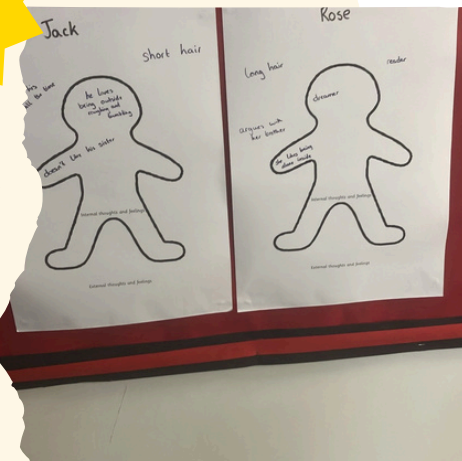
POTW
Lena

Year 2 have PE on Monday and Forest School on Thursdays.

In maths this week the children have been using numberlines to understand numbers up to 100. the children used base 10, a concrete resource, to help their understanding.

In reading, the children are really enjoying their book The Tunnel. In the book the main characters do not get along and their mum asks them to leave until lunch time, to clear the air. The class predict that they may find 'the tunnel'. Let's see if you're right Year 2- how exciting!

Mr Bosanquet



Year 3

POTW
Daniel

Year 3 have PE on Tuesday.

This week we have some amazing artists! The children are using charcoal to draw lines to create an image. The children have also used smudging and experimented with different lines.

In science the children were answering 'are all rocks the same?' In class there were lots of different types of rocks that the children could feel and explore. A really hand on and engaging lesson.

Miss Goodall



Year 4

POTW
Erin

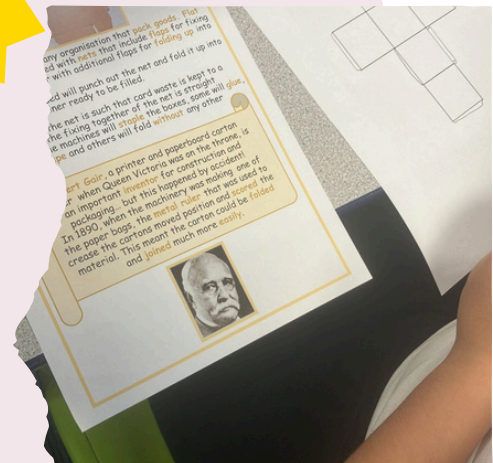
This term Year 4 have P.E on a Tuesday.

Year 4 have really enjoyed DT this week. They have been learning about nets and creating box using flaps. This is linked with different types of packaging that they will learn more about in upcoming lessons.

In maths this week the children have been learning about Roman numerals. I have seen some fantastic work problem solving happening!

Year 4 have also started their RE unit learning about how Buddhism began.

Miss Capper



Year 5

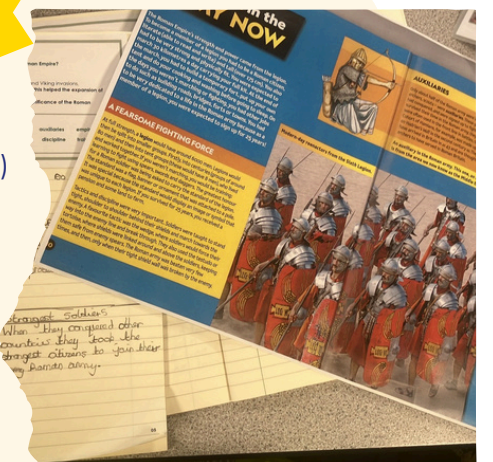
POTW
Isaac

Year 5 have PE on Tuesday and swimming on Friday.

Year 5 have been learning about Romans. This week the class have been learning the difference between an Roman republic (ruled by the people) and Roman empire (ruled by the emperor). Thank you Eli for such a concise description. The children have also been learning about how the Roman army helped the empire to expand.

In writing the children have been using their SNoT (show not tell) skills to convey character emotion and draw the reader in. For example 'Joe breathed heavily, his chest heaving' would show that Joe was feeling apprehensive or worried.

Miss Prout



Year 6

POTW
Anna

This term year 6 have PE on a Tuesday.

In science this week the children have learned what the circulatory system is. The children made model lungs using balloons, straws and a bottle. In upcoming lessons the children will use coloured wool to represent the veins, arteries and capillaries as well as making their own blood! some messy and exciting times ahead!

Year 6 have also been using their SNoT (show not tell) skills in short burst writing. They are working on a fantastically gruesome unit called The Tibicena. This unit is always an hit for the Year 6s. Perhaps next week we will be able to share some amazing writing.

Miss Burgess



Safeguarding



Ensuring our pupils are safe and well looked after is our key priority.

Miss H Prout :
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss S Cartwright:
Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Mrs S Brain, Miss E Burgess, Mrs R Pearson:
Safeguarding officers

All staff have received Safeguarding training to ensure that they can recognise signs and symptoms of abuse and also how to report/act if a disclosure is made.

Concerns about the safety or welfare of a child? Contact us: 01977 722485

Out of hours contact number:
03458 503503

For more information:
<https://thevpacademy.org.uk/knowledge-base/safeguarding/>

Attendance



Attendance matters.

Coming to school on time, every day is vital to achieving the best possible outcomes as well as learning good habits which will benefit everyone in the future.

EYFS	98%
Y1	98%
Y2	91%
Y3	95%
Y4	96%
Y5	90%
Y6	96%

Providing children with positive experiences and strategies to embed emotional resilience.

We use The Thrive Approach as a whole school strategy to promote positive mental health and wellbeing of which when this is present in children's lives it has been proven to improve their attendance, behaviour and attainment.

This allows our children to become confident, curious, creative and capable, therefore opens doors to a bright future for our children.

Mrs S Rowse
Thrive Practitioner

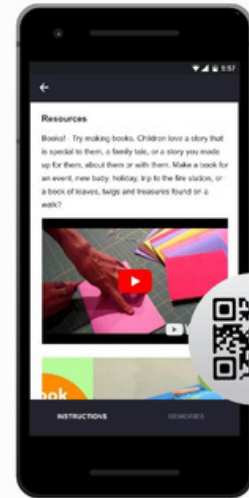
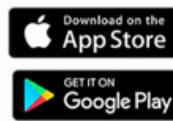


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Download THE MOBILE APP

50 Things To Do Before You're Five gives you 50 activities that parents and carers can support their children to try out and repeat.

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Scan the QR code with your smartphone to take you to the 50 Things To Do Before You're Five app..

For information regarding mental health support & advice, please visit the below links:

<https://wf-i-can.co.uk/u13/home/>

<https://www.compass-uk.org/services/wakefield-children-and-young-peoples-emotional-health-and-wellbeing-service/>

Inclusion & SEND



At The Vale Primary Academy we are committed to providing an inclusive education for all our children. This means that any child who may have Special Educational Needs or a Disability (SEND) will have access to additional or specialist support throughout their life at our academy. All teachers are responsible for every child in their care, including those with special educational needs and disabilities.

Did you know about the MAX Card?
The MAX entitles any family with a child who has SEND or is a looked after family, hundreds of discounts across the county. Its is completely FREE to sign up. Please use the link below to get yours ASAP!

https://mymaxcard.co.uk/local-distributors/?_council_type=2&_council_region=yorkshire-and-the-humber&_council_area=wakefield

To find out what services Wakefield provide for the SEND community, please visit the following link - <https://wakefield.mylocaloffer.org/>

For further support, please contact a member of the Inclusion team:

- Mrs S Rowse- SENDCo
- Mrs S Rowse - Lead Thrive Practitioner
- Miss H Prout - Designated Safeguarding Lead & Assistant Principal
- Miss S Cartwright - Head of Academy and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

