

Friday 27th September 2024

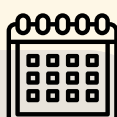
Coming Up



We are delighted to announce that this year we will be participating in Young Voices for Years 5 and 6 children who are interested. This week Miss Roberts, our Music Lead spoke to the children about what this is and our new music offer for the whole school. Up to 20 lucky children will perform as a choir, alongside thousands of other children from around the country.

Diary Dates

Dates For Your Calendar



Autumn

Every Wednesday 14:50 Reading afternoon

Every Monday 9:00 SEND clinic. Please contact the main office to book

07.10.24 Year 3 Barnsley Museum Educational Visit

07.10.24 EYFS Stay and Play - phonics

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

Update from Miss Cartwright

Hi everyone,

We have had such a busy but amazing week.



I absolutely loved Year 3's art lesson this week and it has been the highlight of my week. The children are currently learning about the Stone Age in history and using this to inform their art. They had 3 different mediums, coffee, mud and berries. They were using natural materials because that is what they would have had access to in the Stone Age. The children were exploring with tone, using sticks and their fingers as the tools. What amazing work year 3 and super hands on!

Have a lovely weekend, see you next week!

Miss Cartwright



Early Years

R
POTW
Reuben

N
POTW
Grace & Harry

Reception PE is on a Thursday.

Nursery children have had a great time this week baking bread linked to their T4W text, Rosie's Walk. They have written down some instructions and saved the recipe ready for reception to have a turn during their non-fiction week.

Reception have 'wowed' me this week with their phonics. They have been working incredibly hard with their blending and grapheme recognition and it has been great to see so many children starting their reading journey at home!

In SMSC children in EYFS have been discussing how to be a good friend by turn taking and sharing. Jigsaw Jenie showed us how to do this with his friend Jerrie cat. This has also supported our music sessions this week where we explored our feelings and talked about how music makes us feel. We danced to the song Happy by Pharrell Williams!

Mrs Pearson



Year 1

POTW
Laila- Mai

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

This week the children have used different drawing materials to create straight, curved, wavy and zig-zag lines and to make dark and light tones. We drew from our imaginations by changing a human feature of our school into a creature!

The children have also really enjoyed their geography lesson, where we identified the physical and human features of our school by using a map and following a route.

Miss Roberts



Year 2

POTW
Kalani

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

In maths this week the children have been comparing numbers and amount up to 100 using concrete resources.

In science, we have been exploring materials and thinking about which materials we can use to make straws. We have discussed the different properties these materials have.

Mr Bosanquet



Year 3



POTW
Olivia B

Year 3 have PE on Tuesday.

This week we have immersed ourselves into the Stone Age. We became Stone Age artists using different mediums such as raspberries, coffee, food colouring and soil to paint a bull with.

In history the children were answering 'How did the Stone Age civilisation live, thousands of years ago?' In this lesson we became hunters and gatherers, we gathered pictures of nuts, berries and dandelions, and we hunted pictures of animals with foam javelins as our spears.

Miss Goodall



Year 4



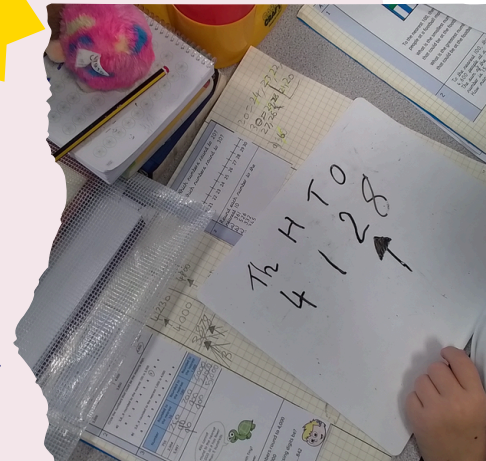
POTW
Darcie

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

Year 4 have been learning how to round to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000 in maths this week. They have then used this knowledge to solve some tricky maths problems.

In reading, the children are really enjoying our class read 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. In the book, Edward, a rabbit made of china, has just fallen overboard the Queen Mary ship! He was found by a fisherman, however, Year 4 do not think that this is the end of Edward's bad luck. Let's find out what happens to Edward next in next week's reading lesson.

Miss Capper



Year 5



POTW
Raya

Year 5 have PE on Tuesday and swimming on Friday.

Year 5 have been really enjoying our PE sessions with our Elite coach. We have been developing our strength, stamina and agility through skipping as well as learning about how our thigh muscles help us jump high.

They have also 'wowed' me this week by showing off their superb singing voices. In music, we have looked at the genres of rock and jazz. We have experimented with singing in a round, which was super tricky but we used our resilience to keep practicing until we succeeded!

Miss Prout



Year 6



POTW
Fiona

This term year 6 have PE on a Tuesday.

Year 6 have enjoyed their music lesson this week. They were learning samba and thinking about patterns, rhythm and pulse. Y6 enjoyed playing the different musical instruments and practising their performance skills.

In science, the children were learning about how blood is transported around the circulatory system. They learnt that most veins carry blood towards the heart and most arteries carry blood filled with oxygen, nutrients, and water from the heart to be distributed around the body

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. Please see our updated attendance policy.

EYFS	88%
Y1	96%
Y2	88%
Y3	98%
Y4	94%
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

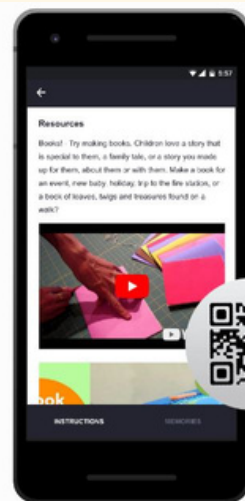


50 THINGS TO DO AT HOME

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

