

Friday 11th October 2024

Coming Up

On October 22nd, our fabulous Eco Rangers will be helping our local community. The children will work with WDH to plant Spring bulbs in our local area for all the community to enjoy and brighten their day. We will also be planting some Spring bulb on our school ground for all the children to enjoy after Winter has passed.



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

14.10.24 Individual and sibling photographs with Tempest

21.10.24 Nursery Stay and play- Phonics

21.10.24 Mural artwork workshop for children

22.10.24 Bulb planting in the local community and school grounds.

23.10.24 Halloween disco and crafts. Details will be out very soon.

12.11.24 Year 1 visit to St Botolph's Church

12.11.24 and **13.11.24** parents evening. Appointments will be available to make on MCAS shortly. We will notify you when the booking system is live.

19.11.24 Year 2 visit linked to The Great Fire of London

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

Christmas celebrations and performances to be announced

Update from Miss Cartwright

Hi everyone,

We have had a lovely week here at The Vale.

There have been some amazing creations in our extra-curricular activities, from some delicious cheese pastries in cooking club to Autumn art in Arts & Crafts club.

We have spaces left in our Autumn term clubs, please contact the office if your child would love to join in.

Monday: Gardening & wildlife club, Cooking Club

Tuesday: Elite Sports Club Key Stage 1

Wednesday: Podcasting and Vlogging Club, Arts & Crafts

Thursday: Puzzle club, Forest School Key Stage 2

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Cartwright



Early Years

R
POTW
Malachi

N
POTW
Vinnie & Oliver

This week in EYFS, we had our first stay and play of the term. Thank you to all the parents that attended, it was wonderful to welcome you all into our classroom and learn more about the way we teach phonics. Nursery are looking forward to their stay and play to show you some of their favourite activities.

This week in Nursery we have started our new key text, The mixed-up Chameleon. The children have loved learning about all the different animals he wants to be! We have now finished our sorting in maths and are ready to move onto number 1 next week. The children have really enjoyed singing this week and learning our nursery rhyme of the week Humpty Dumpty.

This week in Reception we have moved onto our non-fiction unit and have been busy making bread for the Little Red Hen. Next week, we will be writing a set of instructions for all the hen's farmyard friends. In maths we have been exploring the environment for different patterns and have created our own repeating patterns.

Mrs Pearson & Mrs Richardson



Year 1

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

We have started our new Talk for Writing non-fiction unit looking at writing instructions. We have been using imperative (bossy) verbs to tell someone how to do something. We enjoyed playing different games practising using these! On Friday, we used the list of equipment and followed our instructions from the model text to make a trap for the Big Bad Wolf!

In our art lesson, we have continued to learn about collage and look more at the work of Jeannie Baker. We learnt how to change the shape of a material through cutting or tearing and learnt how to layer materials to create different textures.

Miss Roberts

POTW
Bradley



Year 2

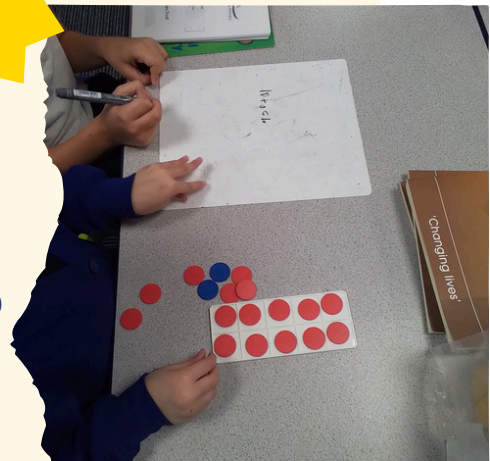
Year 2 have PE on Monday and Forest School on Thursdays.

This week has been another amazing week in Year 2. In Geography, we have started to learn about London; in Writing, we have moved on to our new unit thinking about recounts in the form of postcards; and, in Art, we have been looking at overlaying.

In Maths, I have been really impressed with the children's skills of making 10 to add numbers together. This has relied on the children's number bonds knowledge from Year 1, which they have managed amazingly with! Well done Year 2.

Mr Bosanquet

POTW
Jisal



Year 3



POTW
Year 3

Year 3 have PE on Tuesday.

This week we went on our school trip to Barnsley Museum - we had a fantastic time. We were able to build on our knowledge of the Stone Age and Bronze Age and learn about the Iron Age.

During the day, we were Stone Age gatherers, foraging for food in the museum, we became archaeologists looking artefacts, we created cave art of our hands, we learnt all about replicas and we created our own clay pots using the coiling method.

Miss Goodall



Year 4



POTW
Jack

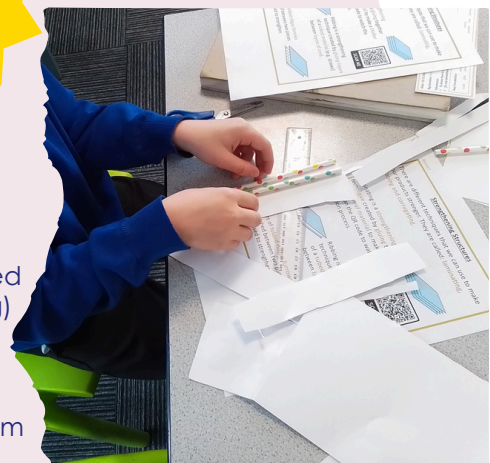
This term Year 4 have P.E on a Tuesday.

This week we have been learning more about the Viking raid on Lindisfarne and the impact it had on Britain and other countries. We discussed that the Vikings were determined people, who caused a great deal of destruction in order to gather wealth and fortune for themselves.

We also really enjoyed being structural engineers in DT this week. We practiced three different strengthening techniques (corrugating, laminating and ribbing) using glue, card and straws. I can't wait to see the children using their skills when making our final product in a couple of weeks!

Well done to James who will be doing a sponsored 5k run with his football team soon. Good luck!

Miss Capper



Year 5



POTW
Joey

Year 5 have PE on Tuesday and swimming on Friday.

Year 5 have loved continuing their learning about History and this week were focusing on who Boudica was and why she revolted against the Romans. We prepared short videos to show off our knowledge.

We have also enjoyed our missing number reasoning in maths. We have really stretched ourselves and built our resilience.

In swimming, we moved onto the dolphin stroke. It was super tricky because you had to keep your legs and kick whilst also making sure you did the right movement with your arms and the right breathing.

Miss Prout



Year 6



POTW
Ashton

This term year 6 have PE on a Tuesday.

Year 6 have been resilient this week during their practise SATS week. They have worked hard, remembered their prior knowledge and I am extremely proud of them.

Year 6 also enjoyed working in teams to complete maths puzzles and solve sudoku puzzles. We explored a range of maths board games and challenges. It was lovely to see the children working collaboratively together.

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

97%

Y1

94%

Y2

93%

Y3

90%

Y4

99%

Y5

96%

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

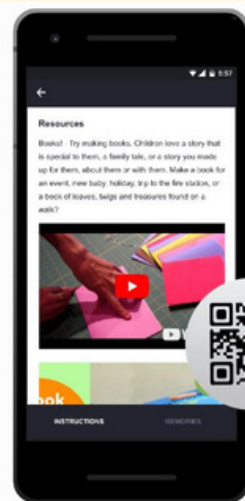


50 THINGS TO DO AT HOME

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.

Download the mobile app from Apple AppStore or Google PlayStore...



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

