

Friday 18th October 2024



Coming Up

On Monday we have the fantastic Oskar coming in to introduce the mural to our children and work with Years 3 and 4. The whole school will contribute to the mural, which Oskar will then create from the children's designs. Oskar will be focusing on the history of Ferrybridge to not just give to the community, but also celebrate the history of our wonderful area.

I cannot wait to share the children's designs and, in November, the finished mural.

Update from Miss Cartwright

Hi everyone,

I am delighted to announce that we have our new Year 2 classroom up and running and our library space back.

This week we have been creating our new space to being a warm, cosy and comfortable space which will not only promote reading but also provide a calm and safe space, for when children want to escape to a far away land, or meet new characters.

We have also introduced a new space where we can proudly display our 'There I am' books. These books promote diversity and inclusion and are books where children can see themselves reflected in the stories.

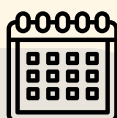
Our wonderful Reading Ambassadors in Years 5 and 6 have some wonderful ideas that we will continue to add to our library spaces.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Miss Cartwright

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

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. Parents to drop off at 4pm and collect at 5.30pm. Halloween costumes are encouraged (but this is optional)

12.11.24 Year 1 visit to St Botolph's Church

12.11.24 and **13.11.24** parents evening. Appointments are still available to book on MCAS.

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



Early Years

R
POTW
Nicky

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Florence
& Blake

Reception

This week, reception we have been working hard to sequence the events of our bread making and develop a text map of instructions. The children have also impressed me with their phonics skills by writing the initial sounds to label key words.

In maths we have been learning to find, subitise and represent 1, 2 and 3. Reception have shown amazing number skills and have been working together to spot numerals around the environment.

As we continue to learn about autumn, we have been exploring the inside of winter squash and pumpkins. Children have been using tweezers and spoons to scoop out the seeds and develop their fine motor skills.

Nursery

In nursery this week, children have been exploring the number 1 and how he is represented including what he looks like. In our Talk for writing we have finished our story map and added the actions looking at the adjectives in our story and what they mean. We've even had our first PE session using the parachute and pretending to be superheroes.

Mrs Pearson & Mrs Richardson



Year 1

POTW
Baillie

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

We have had another amazing week in Year 1! We have completed our first computing unit by looking at how to use technology responsibly. In our RE lesson, we also finished our unit of 'what is belonging?' by designing a brand new club in groups. We decided on a name, symbol, club rules and how we would make others feel like they belong. I was so impressed by the way the children could explain their knowledge.

In geography, we used the maps we created and route we planned to guide Year 6s around our academy. We used our directional language and pointed out the human and physical features which make our school special.

Miss Roberts



Year 2

POTW
Luke

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

Year 2 have been absolute superstars this week. We have been exploring postcards from a meerkat in Writing, which will inspire their own recount in future lessons. The class have also been exploring expanded noun phrases with images of the Kalahari desert and a magical, wonderful waterfall.

In PSHE the children have completed their final lesson of the unit 'Being Me in the World'. This unit is designed to help the children reflect on their actions, consequences, rewards, taking responsibility and problem solving.

Miss Cartwright



Year 3



POTW
Diona

Year 3 have PE on Tuesday.

This week we have been learning all about Black History Month, what is Black History Month, when it is celebrated, how it started and what happens during that time. Then, we learnt all about Mae Jemison, an American engineer, physician, and former NASA astronaut. She became the first black woman to travel into space. After learning all about Mae, we drew amazing portraits of her using our art skills of lines and shading.

In maths we have smashed our addition topic, and now we have moved on to look at our subtraction skills.

Miss Goodall



Year 4



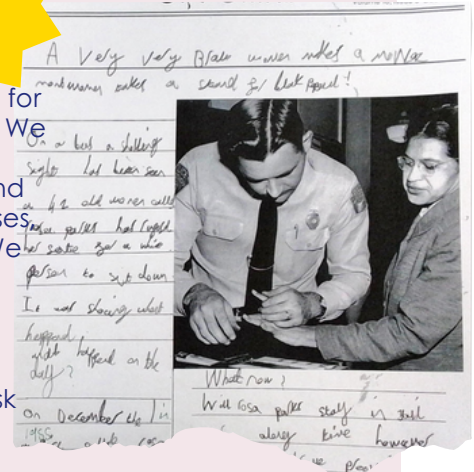
POTW
Seb

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

This week we have been learning about Black History Month, which is a time for the achievements of black people in the past and today, to be celebrated. We learnt about Rosa Parks, who lived in the United States in the time of segregation. Parks refused to give up her seat on the bus for a white man and she was arrested for this. This sparked many black people to boycott the buses, which was one of the first steps in ending segregation in the United States. We have written some amazing and informative newspaper articles about Rosa Parks and the significant event which she is known for.

In Spanish, we used our knowledge of the Spanish words for different vegetables to say "I would like a kilo of (vegetable) please". Now we can ask for many different vegetables in Spanish!

Miss Capper



Year 5



POTW
Skyla

Year 5 have PE on Tuesday and swimming on Friday.

Year 5 started the week with an incredibly challenging circuit in their PE sessions. They have been looking at their fitness this term. We had step ups, sit ups, squats, lunges and rounded it all off with burpees! Our resilience was very impressive. We listened carefully to instructions and improved our technique as we went.

In our maths sessions, we have learnt about multiples and factors. We have enjoyed exploring different tips and hints to help us with this.

In PSHE, we looked at online reputation and how online can connect to the real world. We learnt how important it is that we know how to use technology safely to get the best out of it.

Miss Prout



Year 6

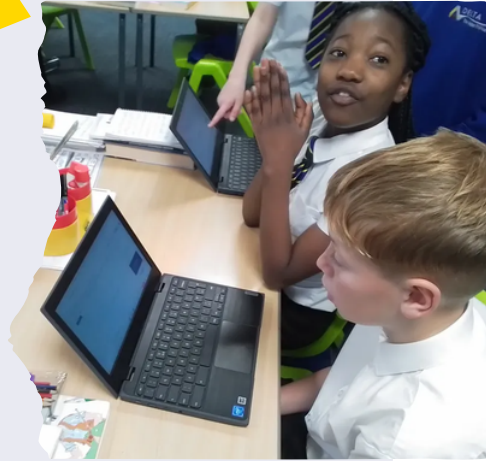


This term Year 6 have PE on a Tuesday.

Year 6 have done amazing in computing this week. They have been collaborating information to help create impressive fact files about different countries.

In maths Year 6 have worked extremely hard in long division. Children have shown great resilience in this challenging topic!

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.

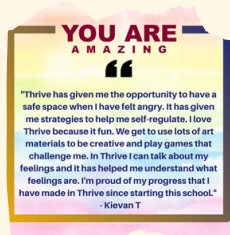
EYFS	98%
Y1	88%
Y2	91%
Y3	89%
Y4	94%
Y5	100%
Y6	94%

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.

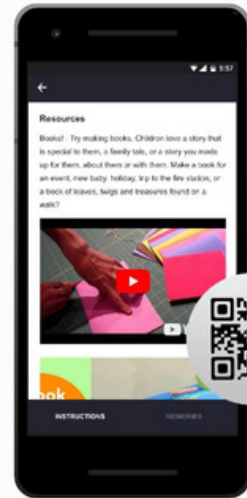
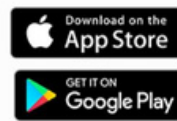
Mrs S Rowse
Thrive Practitioner



50 THINGS TO DO AT HOME

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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

