

Friday 22nd November 2024

Coming Up



Next week we have the book fair in school. We will be opening the fair up, after school on Wednesday and Thursday.

On Wednesday afternoon children will design bookmarks as part of a whole school competition to win vouchers for books. Also on Wednesday, children will access the book fair in classes to complete their wish lists. After reading afternoon we invite parents and carers to access the book fair and hopefully make some purchases.

The payments are all cashless so unfortunately the children cannot bring cash to buy books themselves.

Update from Miss Cartwright



Hi everyone,

Congratulations and well done to Swale for winning the Year 4,5 and 6 house games. Sadly we had to postpone our Years 1,2 and 3 house games but we cannot wait to hold this next Tuesday.

I would like to celebrate some fantastic reading and writing I have seen this week across the academy. I worked with children from Year 2 to Year 6 on some tricky reading, and what amazing sessions we had. The children showed such dedication to their reading- what a fantastic attitude to have.

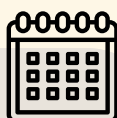
I have also had the pleasure of hearing some incredible writing from two Year 6 children all about Black Powder, their current reading book. This was a discussion text about the treatment of Catholics and Protestants in the Tudor and Stuart era.

Well done children on your amazing reading and writing!

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

wc 27.11.24 and 28.11.24 Book fair

12.12.24 EYFS Nativity

17.12.24 Reception and Y1 family Christmas Dinners

18.12.24 Y2 and Y3 family Christmas Dinners

19.12.24 Y4, Y5 and Y6 Family Christmas Dinners



Early Years

R
POTW
Theo

N
POTW
Willow
Harry

Reception

In reception this week, children have been busy learning all about space as part of our topic 'all of the lights'. We have been learning about our inspirational role model Buzz Aldrin and the Apollo 11 space mission. We have started to learn about the different planets and have been thinking about how we would feel if we were to go to the moon, linked to our talk for writing text 'Whatever next'.

Reception so were so excited to see the snow this week, we loved exploring and even built a snowman with Mr Jarret!

Mrs Pearson

Nursery

In nursery this week we continued our patterns in maths moving onto ABC patterns. We have started to practise our nativity in the hall explaining that you will all be coming to see them, they are very excited.

Mrs Richardson



Year 1

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

We have had a very busy week of learning in Year 1. We have started innovating our own warning tales. It has been lovely hearing the children sharing their amazing stories with their partners! We will start writing our opening and build-up next week.

In computing, we have continued with our digital painting unit. We have practised using the shape, line and fill tool to create art in the style in Piet Mondrian.

Building on our maths learning from last week, we have been resilient mathematicians as we have approached the challenging concept of estimating on the number line to 20. We are moving on to comparing and ordering numbers within 20.

Miss Roberts

POTW
Caleb



Year 2

Year 2 have PE is on Monday.

Forests School in on a Thursday, please ensure your child has warm and waterproof clothing that can get muddy.

Year 2 had a fantastic visit to England Lane Academy to take part in a workshop all about The Great Fire of London. They completed a task to show how quick the fire would have spread by everyone standing in lines (set out like streets) then the first 'house' got set on fire, then the children moved their arms around to touch the next child/house to show just how quick they all ended up on fire.

The children also had the challenge of collecting water from the 'Thames' so they could experience the difficulties the people of London had in 1666.

Miss Cartwright

POTW
Harper



Year 3



POTW
Darrell
Shanelle

Year 3 have PE on a Tuesday.

This week in Year 3 we have been working super hard on our division skills. We have been using part-whole models to help us divide 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers and consolidating our knowledge of our timetables.

We have also just started our new handwriting lessons, and we have been smashing it. Year 3 have been so focused on the formation of their letters, writing in cursive, keeping within the lines, and using their finger spaces. Brilliant work.

Keep up the good work Year 3!

Miss Goodall



Year 4



POTW
Harry

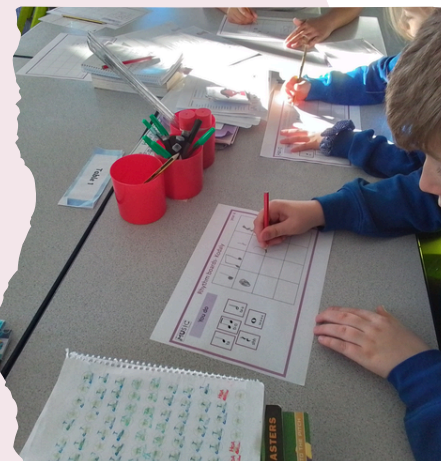
This term Year 4 have P.E on a Tuesday.

We have been really enjoying our Music lessons this half term. In Music this week, we listened to some rhythm patterns and repeated this back using our hands and feet. We then created our own rhythm boards.

After finishing our class reading book, *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* last week, in reading this week, we have been deciding what we did and didn't like about the book in order to create a book summary and a book review. We have also been discussing who are the antagonists in our book and the impact they have on the book's protagonist, Edward.

Well done to everyone who took part in the house games! You did so well despite the cold and demonstrated great sportsmanship.

Miss Capper



Year 5



POTW
Winnie

Year 5 have PE on Tuesday and swimming on Friday.

This week, Year 5 were showing their fantastic singing skills in music by learning an old classic from S Club 7. They have been working on their body movements and how they can use this to improve their on stage presence when performing.

In our writing lessons, we have enjoyed writing suspense stories which goes hand in hand with our new class story 'Room 13'. This story is set in Whitby so we have loved spotting the familiar setting descriptions like the large whale bone and the many, many steps to the church!

Miss Prout



Year 6



POTW
Ronnel

This term Year 6 have PE on a Tuesday.

Year 6 have spent this week innovating a discussion text. They have created some fantastic pieces of writing focusing on formal language, fronted adverbials and punctuation. Y6 created a discussion text about our reading book - Black Powder and they enjoyed retrieved information from the book.

The police visited Y6 this week and taught the children about knife crime awareness. Y6 asked some amazing questions and explored a range of different weapons. They learnt about the importance of speaking to the police or a trusted adult if they feel in danger.

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 Rowse, 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

89.4%

Y1

71%

Y2

93%

Y3

92%

Y4

98%

Y5

94%

Y6

89%

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

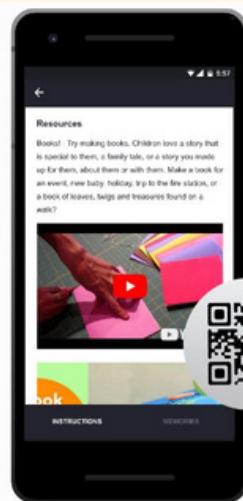


50 THINGS TO DO AT HOME

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

