



Valley Primary School
Growing and Learning together
to be the best we can be!
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Year 1 Newsletter

Summer First Half Term 2025

Important Information:

Dates: **Friday 16th May** – World Cultural Diversity Day (Details to follow)

PE is on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**, this half term. Please label all items. Earrings must be taken out or covered with plasters before school on your PE days.

Library – Please ensure your child has their library book on their library day: All Year 1 classes will visit the library on **Wednesday**.

Reading books -Please read with your child at least three times a week and sign the reading diary to earn rewards.

English

In English we will be looking at two texts 'Robot and Bluebird' and 'The Adventures of Egg Box Dragon'.

We will be writing a retell and a set of instructions. The grammar focus will be:

- Using '**and**' and '**but**'... and how these are used to extend sentences.
- Using a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun.
- Using Imperative verbs when writing instructions, for example, 'put', 'get', 'chop'.
- Reading and spelling Year 1 common exception words.

Maths

In Maths we will continue to consolidate our Place Value knowledge and practise number skills.

We will be studying the following topics:

- Multiplication and Division – using arrays
- Fractions – finding half and a quarter
- Position and Direction - describing turns

Key Instant Recall Fact: **I can recall addition and subtraction number facts to 20.**

Healthy Schools

Science

Our topic is called '**Animals including Humans**'.

- Describe and compare different animals.
- Identifying common animals that are carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores.
- Writing a non-chronological report.

PE

- Net and wall games - develop racquet and ball skills and play against an opponent and keep score
- Striking and fielding games - develop both overarm and underarm throwing and catching



TOWERS AND TURRETS



Topic

Key Focus Subject: British Values – Democracy

Design and Technology

- Discuss features of a junk modelling castle.
- Design and construct a 3D castle using design criteria.
- Use equipment safely to shape and cut and join materials.

History

- Investigate the purpose of a castle.
- Look at key jobs within a castle
- Examine the social pyramid of a medieval castle
- Consider how Warwick castle has changed over time and investigate why castles may have changed over time

SMSC

Our Key School Value this half term: Kindness

Our Life Skill this half term: Home Management

P.S.H.E Relationships

- Making friends and being a good friend.
- Belonging to a family.
- Celebrating special relationships.
- People who help us
- Qualities as a friend.
- Self-Acknowledgement

R.E The religion is **Judaism** and the theme is **Shabbat**. Key question - Is Shabbat important to Jewish children?

Personal Development

Mental Health and Well-being

- Breathing and Mindfulness Techniques
- Outdoor Learning

Computing Coding.

Music – Round and Round – Latin Music