



**Valley Primary School**  
**Growing and Learning together**  
**to be the best we can be!**

ASPIRE... ENJOY...  
ACHIEVE...CHALLENGE!

### English

Text focus: The Dark and Out and About

- Write for different purposes including description, persuasion letter, and discussion and debate.
- Punctuate different sentence types accurately.
- Use conjunctions to link sentences.
- Write in role in order to develop empathy with characters and explore characters and events.
- Spell the Year One common exception words correctly.
- Explore rhythm, rhyme and pattern in a range of poems.
- Respond to and playing with language in poetry.
- Perform in response to poetry.

### Maths

Key Instant Recall Fact: I can read o'clock and half past on an analogue clock.

We will be studying the following topics:

- **Position and Direction** – describing turns
- **Place value within 100** – partition and compare numbers within 100.  
Find 1 more and 1 less.
- **Money** – Recognise coins and notes and counting coins.
- **Time** – read o'clock and half past times

## Year 1 Newsletter

### Summer 2 Half Term 2025

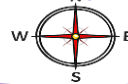
### Healthy Schools

#### Science

We will be focusing on **Plants**.

- Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees.
- Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.
- **PE: Athletics**
- Develop throwing for accuracy and distance
- Explore hopping, jumping and leaping for distance
- **Invasion Games.**
- Explore the role of fielding and attacking.
- Move towards a goal with the ball.
- Move into a space, showing an awareness of defenders

### NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, WEST



### Topic

#### Geography

- Observe the geography of the school grounds and local areas.
- Investigate the human and physical features of Elmdon Park.
- Use maps and map keys to locate and plot areas.
- Follow and describe a route using locational and directional language.
- Create a messy map of Elmdon Park.

#### Art:

- Explore and imitate the artwork of Catherine Holland.
- Explore and describe patterns created by natural materials.
- Use wax rubbings to create a nature scene.

### Important Information:

#### Dates:

Elmdon Park Geography Fieldwork- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.  
Phonics Screen Week- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June-Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Lower Phase Sports Day-Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
Transition Day- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July  
Book Look for Parents- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July  
PE is on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**, this half term.  
Children are to come to school wearing their PE kit.  
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 **Wednesday (all classes)**  
**Reading books** -Please read with your child at least three times a week and sign the reading diary to earn rewards.

### SMSC

Our Life Skill this half term: **Interpersonal Skills**  
Our Key School Value this half term: **Courage**  
P.S.H.E the theme is Changing Me.

- Life cycles – animal & human.
- Changes Since Being a Baby.
- Differences between female & male bodies.

### RE

**Theme:** Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

**Key Question:** Are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur important to Jewish children?

### Personal Development

#### Mental Health and Well-being

- Breathing and mindfulness techniques.
- Enjoying the outdoors.

#### Computing

- Recognise how to use technology in the home.
- Draw a simple graph, e.g. pictogram/block graph.

#### Music

- Explore tempo
- Perform 'Your Imagination' using glockenspiels.