



Valley Primary School
Growing and Learning together
to be the best we can be!
**ASPIRE... ENJOY...
ACHIEVE...CHALLENGE!**

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn Second Half Term 2024

Important Information:

Dates –

Scholastic Book fayre: **14th-20th November**

Pyjama Tales (middle + upper phase): **14th November
5pm-5:45pm**

Christmas Calendar of Events to be shared separately.

Reading – Please read at least three times a week and get an adult to fill in the reading diary to continue earning reading rewards.

IT Rockstars – Weekly homework due each Monday morning.

Library – Please bring in library books to be changed on your class day. Wednesday – Hawking 4, Wednesday – Sharman 4, Wednesday – Newton 4

English

Text Focus: Wild Robot by Peter Brown

- Understand the language, structure and presentation features of adventure and mystery stories.
- Use text features to create suspense in adventure and mystery stories.
- Create poems based on the characters from the text.
- Extend the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wide range of conjunctions e.g. when, if, because, although.
- Use speech marks correctly to show what has been said.
- Use synonyms for said.

Healthy Schools

Science – Electricity

- Make and test simple circuits
 - Investigate what is a good conductor of electricity
- #### P.E.
- Develop dribbling skills with hands and feet
 - Develop catching skills with one hand and two hands
 - Explore and develop a variety of throwing techniques

**ANYWHERE AND
EVERYWHERE**

Topic

Key Focus Subjects: Art + Geography

Art

- Discuss and imitate the artwork of Otto Barth.
- Explore and sketch a landscape.
- Add colour and materials to a landscape picture.
- Use a colour wash to create tones and shades.
- Compare their work to the work of Otto Barth.

Geography

- Name and locate countries and major cities in Europe
- Explore human and physical features of Austria
- Compare geographical features of London, England with Vienna, Austria.
- Locate climate zones of the world and discuss key aspects.

Maths

Key Instant Recall Fact: I know my 9 and 11 times tables.

Measurement: Length and Perimeter

- Measure in metres, cm and mm.
- Add and subtract lengths.
- Measure the perimeter of shapes.

Number: Multiplication and division

- Multiply and divide by 1, 10 and 100.
- Recall 3, 6, 9 and 7 times tables and corresponding division facts.

Decimals

- Tenths and hundredths.
- Linking division with tenths and hundredths.

SMSC

Our Key School Value this half term: Collaboration

Our Life Skill this half term: Physical Health

P.S.H.E

- Celebrating differences, challenging assumptions; understanding what bullying is and how to deal with it in school.

R.E.

- KQ – What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today?
- Understand what Christmas means to Christians.
- Understand what Christian symbols mean.

M.F.L.

- Understand French words for clothing and weather.

Personal Development

Mental Health and Well-being

- Know how to relax and be calm.

Computing

- Understand how to stay safe online.

Music

- Play all notes on a scale.
- Create a composition that tells a story.