

Nursery Newsletter- Autumn Term



Welcome to the Caterpillar Class and the start of your child's school journey with us at the Vale Primary Academy. It has been wonderful to see all the children again this week, they have all settled in fantastically and have shown us some excellent learning already. Below you will find an outline of the lessons we will be covering throughout the term. These are supplemented with provision based around the children's key interests.

Maths

Autumn 1

Nursery will begin by exploring colour and recognising the colours; red, blue, yellow, green, and purple. They will talk about their favourite colours and match objects to the correct colour name. Following this, children will learn to recognise and match a range of objects such as buttons, shoes, towers, shapes, and objects of the same size. Towards the end of the half term, children will learn to sort objects by colour, size and shape and begin to identify different ways of grouping objects.



Autumn 2

Children will start autumn 2 by exploring the number 1 and 2. Children will learn to recognise when there is 1 or 2 objects in a set and how to show the numbers on their fingers. They will also practise counting by touching an object and saying the number name. Following this, children will be introduced to the numeral and match the numeral to amounts. In weeks 4 and 5, we will begin looking at AB and ABC patterns in a range of contexts. We will learn to describe a pattern and predict what comes next and explore creating, describing and continuing a pattern.



How could you support your child?

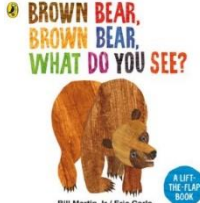
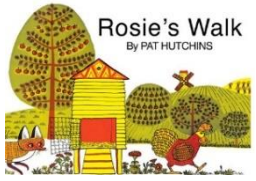
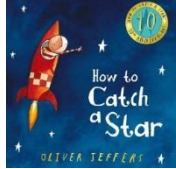
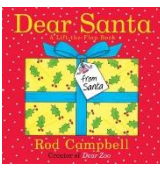
There are plenty of things you can do at home to support your child's mathematical journey!

- On BBC iPlayer, you will find 'Numberblocks' which we use in school to support your child's understanding of number.
 - White Rose Maths have a '1 minute maths' app which can help your children with their subitising.
 - This is free to download.
- 'Top Marks' has lots of quick maths games involving counting, patterns and shapes. This website works on computers, tablets and phones.



Talk for Writing

Please see below the books we will be using as our focus texts in literacy. We will be learning to retell the stories though text maps, story maps and S maps. We will sequence the events and learn new vocabulary to support our oracy development. Children will be provided with a range of opportunities and experiences that are linked to the key texts to inspire independent writing/mark making and reading in the classroom.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Autumn 1</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Amazing me</u></p> <p>Brown Bear, Brown Bear</p>  <p>Rosie's walk</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Autumn 2</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dark Nights, bright lights</u></p> <p>How to catch a star</p>  <p>Dear Santa</p> 
<p><u>Topic</u></p> <p>Throughout the first half term we will be looking at the seasonal changes as we move into autumn. We will use our senses to explore the environment and compare the similarities and differences from other seasons. Our theme for the first half term is 'Amazing me'. Through our topic sessions, children will be using new vocabulary to describe themselves, their families and special things they like to do. In autumn 2 our topic will be Dark Night Bright Lights, throughout this topic we will begin to explore space and discuss the dark nights as we move closer to winter. We will also explore different festivals and celebrations around the world and compare them to the festivals we celebrate with our own families.</p>	
<p><u>Phonics</u></p> <p>Nursery will be completing daily Phase 1 phonics activities. These activities will develop children's, listening and attention, vocabulary, and speech sounds in preparation for reading in reception. During the autumn term we will focus on aspects 1-6 with a theme of 'Me and my Family'. See attached sheet for further information about the aspects taught during phase 1.</p>	
<p><u>Key Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water bottles to be brought to school every day (water only). • Book bags to be brought to school on a Friday for our library day. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure all clothing is labelled including shoes. • Please provide a set of spare clothes in a bag. 	
<p><u>Whole School Upcoming Events- Autumn 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the teacher coffee morning – 19th September – 9 – 9:30 • Harvest assembly – 25th September • Halloween Disco – 27th October 	<p><u>Whole School Upcoming Events- Autumn 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children in Need - 17th November • Parents evening – 23rd November • Early Years Nativity – 15th December • Christmas fair/carols - 21st December

Thank you for your continued support with your child's progress and learning.
Mrs Pearson & Mrs Richardson