

**Miss Cartwright's weekly message**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Rowse will be holding a weekly SEND surgery on a Monday morning starting wc18.03.24. This is for parents and carers of children on our SEND register. If your child is on our SEND register, and you would like to speak with Mrs Rowse on a Monday morning, please book this in at the main office with our admin staff. If you have SEND related question, but your child is not currently on our register, please follow the usual route of communication, the class teacher being the first point of contact. The class teacher will liaise with Mrs Rowse and provide any specialist support required.

[This week I am very proud to announce that the Pupil Parliament, Maddie, Henry, Ivy, Sapphire and Luke, have helped with the writing of part of this newsletter. They liaised with classes to find out their favourite moments from this week, and we added it to the newsletter today. We really hope to expand this further in the future.](#)

Early Years have been continuing with their Jack and the Beanstalk unit. This week they have planted beans to watch them grow! I know Year 1 and Year 3 will also enjoy this as it is their science unit too!

Year 1 have been looking at different trees. This week they have gone on a nature walk to try and identify deciduous and evergreen plants and trees.

Year 2 have almost finished weaving their flowers. I have seen them all and they are all so vibrant and intricately woven! I especially loved Frankie's! The children have also really enjoyed working hard on their timestables using Timestable Rockstars. The children have access to this at home if they would like to use it. A small note in their planner can get them extra dojos!

Year 3 have been using ordinance survey maps to locate their local area. They have also learned who created the ordinance survey map before beginning to understand how coal mining has shaped our local community. Year 3 are also really enjoying their reading book The Firework Makers daughter and are currently at a point where the main character is overcoming the challenges of her big journey.

Year 4 have really enjoyed their history this week. They have continued their Ancient Greek unit but explored the origins of democracy. They have also been learning about printing in art and learned about an artist names Naum Gabo, who creates art based on the theme of nature.

Year 5 have had a great week with their swimming. It was a really important lesson this week. They learned all about lifesaving and how we can help others without putting ourselves in danger. Water safety is something that we all cover nearer the summer term, however Year 5 will be experts by this point.

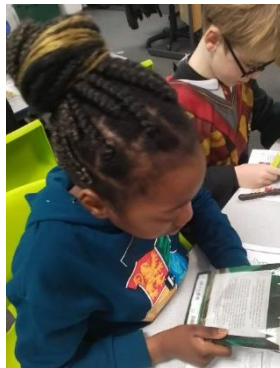
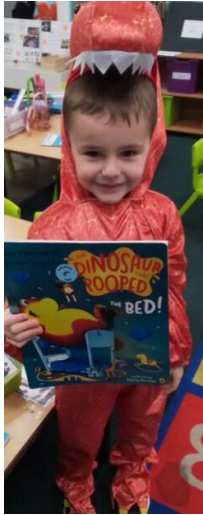
Year 6 have been delving into their RE this week. They have been learning about Harmony and charity. In particular they have explored the meaning behind hymns before having some self- reflection about their own choices. As part of their weekly whole class thrive sessions they have also been developing their breathing exercises.

What a lovely day we had celebrating World Book Day. The children not only came in amazing costumes of their favourite characters, but many children also brought their favourite book! Thank you so much to all parents and carers who supported your child with this, they had a memorable day that had only added to their love of reading. Our patron author, Conrad also visited on Wednesday to get the children excited for World Book Day. The children always enjoy Conrad's visits and come away with new ideas of what books they want to read and ideas of books we can buy for school. I have added photos of our World Book Day and Conrad's visit nearer the end of the newsletter. I wish I could have added more!

Our Spring 2 House Games coming up will link to World Book Day. This year we are holding an Easter Potato competition. Thank you to Morisons for donating the potatoes. Your child will receive their potato today. A letter was sent home on 07.03.24 to explain the competition. If you would like any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact class teachers. We look forward to seeing their creativity!

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on 15<sup>th</sup> March where the children can wear red and Red Nose Day merchandise to show support. As Year 3 have their educational visit to the National Coalmining Museum on this day, they will need to wear usual uniform. The class will, however, have an opportunity to complete Red Nose Day activities on another day next week. We ask for a donation of £1 which will go directly to the charity. We always have a heart-warming amount of donations, thank you for this.

Miss S Cartwright



**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

CATERPILLARS	Charlotte P
BUTTERFLIES	Georgia D
PANDAS	Penelope W
TIGERS	Frank W
GAZELLES	Charlie W
ELEPHANTS	Braxton M
PENGUINS	Harri B
SNOW LEOPARDS	Ollie M

**Attendance**

CATERPILLARS	96%
BUTTERFLIES	95.2%
PANDAS	94%

TIGERS	91.3%
GAZELLES	94.8%
ELEPHANTS	96.4%
PENGUINS	98.3%
SNOW LEOPARDS	94.4%

<b>HOUSE POINTS</b>			
<b>WHARF</b>	<b>SWALE</b>	<b>DERWENT</b>	<b>AIRE</b>
<b>205</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>204</b>

<u><b>Key dates for your diary</b></u>	
<p><b>SCHOOL EVENTS SPRING TERM:</b></p> <p>11.03.24 British Science week                      08.03.24 House games potatoes go home to children                      WC 18.03.24 : Easter potato decoration judging                      25.03.24 Holi Festival (during the Easter holiday but we will celebrate in the final week of term)</p> <p><b>PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT SPRING TERM:</b></p> <p>20.03.24 House Games Easter Potato Exhibition and Voting                      SEND Surgery- every Monday starting wc 18.03.24</p>	<p><b>Twitter</b>                      Please follow us on our twitter feed:  <a href="https://twitter.com/Vale_Primary">@Vale_Primary</a></p>

