

Miss Cartwright's Weekly Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful welcoming the children back after the Easter break. I hope you and the children had a restful break.

In Early Years we have welcomed our new Nursery children. They have had a wonderful time exploring their new environment and learning new routines. The water tray has been a particular hit! In Reception, the children have been exploring shape. They have learned about shaped they can see in their classroom but also shapes they can see in their outside area and on the playground.

Year 1 have been on a local walk this week to support their Geography unit. The children were exceptionally behaved and so excited to go, even with a hail shower! In their lessons they have been remembering what human and physical features are, which will link with their UK and Tanzania unit. Also a huge well done to the children for their phonics work this week, the children are working so hard.

Year 2 have started their new history unit of Victorians. They have explored who Queen Victoria is, the transport that was used in the Victorian era and that clothing that they wore. Miss Emmerson has also noticed that the children have been practising Makaton at home and have shared it with the class. Please see the link that you may want to share with children if they want to learn more. [CBeebies | Something Special | Learn Makaton Signs \(youtube.com\)](#)

In Year 3 the children have loved their maths unit of money. It is impressive to see how much the children are making links with their maths and the real-life use of this unit. They have continued with their Ancient Egyptian history unit. So far, the children have learned about who Howard Carter was and why he was important. They will now begin to understand where Ancient Egypt sits with the chronology of world history.

Year 4 have started a new writing unit that links with last term's history. The children are using the model text 'The Boy Who Flew' to write their own warning story that includes action. The Boy Who Flew is the story of Icarus who did not listen and flew too close to the sun. They are using their knowledge of ancient Greece and mythical creatures for inspiration. In Science they have started their new unit of sound which the children are really enthusiastic to learn more about.

Year 5 have started their new maths unit of line graphs today. In class they were learning to recognise the horizontal and vertical axis. In PE the children are practising their functional skills which will enhance their athletic skills. In Science the children are learning about forces. The children investigated which ball would fall faster, a smaller ball or a larger ball. They were surprised at the results!

Year 6 have been doing so well in the final run up to their assessments. I am so proud of the resilience and maturity all of them are showing. In writing they will be finishing up their diary entries linked to the book The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas. Next week they will be writing a letter to Bruno's Grandparents in Berlin from his new home in Poland. The children are still loving this book but have begun their new whole class reading book of Floodland, a story of a flooded England and a young girl's struggle to survive.

Safeguarding – Online Safety

As the children get older we understand that mobile phones are part of children's lives. In school we have termly online safety lessons as part of our Computing curriculum. For the older children these lessons include the appropriate use and possible dangers of mobile phones. We are aware that many of our older children have access to apps such as Snapchat and TikTok. However there have been some incidents of children being exposed to indecent language and this has been replicated over other social media apps. The age restrictions for both TikTok and Snapchat are 13+ to help protect children younger than this age. If your child is using TikTok or Snapchat, please do read the guidance from the NSPCC to support with this.

[Is TikTok safe? | NSPCC](#)

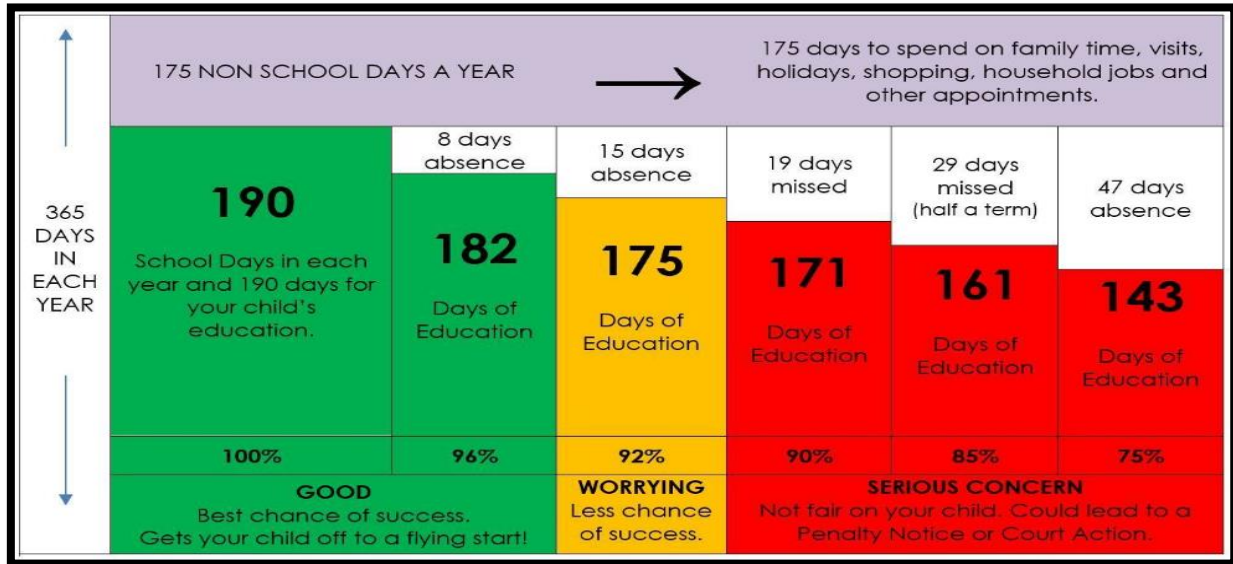
[Is Snapchat safe for my child? | NSPCC](#)



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If you would like any additional support with this please do be in touch.

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PUPIL OF THE WEEK	
CATERPILLARS	
BUTTERFLIES	
PANDAS	
TIGERS	
GAZELLES	
ELEPHANTS	
PENGUINS	
SNOW LEOPARDS	

Attendance	
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HOUSE POINTS			
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<u>Key dates for your diary</u>	
<p>SCHOOL EVENTS SUMMER TERM: 13.05.24 Mental Health Awareness Week 21.05.24 World Day for Cultural Diversity 22.05.24 House Games Spelling Bee 22.05.24 Tempest Class Photographs Wc 24.06.24 Sports Days: specific details to be confirmed nearer the time.</p> <p>PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT SUMMER TERM: 01.05.24 Year 1 Phonics workshop 02.05.24 Triple P parent workshop SEND Surgery- every Monday</p>	<p>Twitter Please follow us on our twitter feed: @Vale_Primary</p>

