



KS1 Newsletter -Autumn 1 2021

Values in Spetember and October: Friendship and Tolerance

Our current topic: We are Britain

Welcome to a new school year and to your first KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Newsletter for this academic year. We have had an excellent start to the year in Key Stage 1 and we are genuinely very proud and pleased to say the children have settled extremely well to their new classes and routines.

Our WOW day launched the new topic 'We are Britain' with four fun activities to represent each of the countries of the United Kingdom. The children looked fabulous in their colours of red, blue and white, thank you for your support from home. This year, following the recommendation by our School Improvement partner we are moving from termly topics to changing our topics half termly. After half term our new topic will be 'Travel and transport' and in the new year we will focus on further four topics: The Great Fire, Africa, An island home and Seaside holidays. The topic learning generally covers the National Curriculum objectives for History, Geography, Art and Design and Design and Technology. However, we occasionally dip into topics in other subjects too.

In Science we are currently learning about 'Humans and other animals' with a focus on pets. If you have a well behaved and child friendly pet at home, and you would like to come to school to tell us how you care for your pet, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Mathematics

This half term each class will focus on Number and Place Value followed by addition and subtraction.

English

In English we have just finished reading 'The tiger who came to tea' by Judith Kerr. Our next unit will be based around the traditional story 'The Three Little Pigs' and alternative retellings of this traditional story.

Bring back bedtime stories!

At LVA we strongly believe that reading underpins all learning. Reading with your child at home is the best way to help their learning. As well as reading the reading books regularly, please spend time reading stories or non fiction texts and talking about what you read. Modelling positive reading behaviours at home will ensure your child enjoys books and develops habits for lifelong learning.

Help needed!

We would really appreciate some regular parent helpers to support the children with their reading at school. Please get in touch with your child's class teacher if you can help.

Fidgets/ Poppets

Please leave these at home. The children are no longer allowed to use fidget toys from home at playtime.

PE timetable

Seahorse Class: Mondays and Tuesdays

Penguin Class: Thursdays and Fridays

Turtle Class: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Reminders.

Spelling test day: Tuesdays. Please ensure your child brings in their spellings on this day.

Please ensure your child brings a coat to school on a daily basis. We would also appreciate wellies on wet days with a change of school shoes in a bag.

Forest school on Mondays —Seahorse Class (Penguin class will have forest school after half term)

For a complete list of diary dates and further information why not visit our website

How to help your child's learning at home:

Read daily or as often as possible. Short, regular reading sessions are best for early reading development

Help your child to practise their spellings

Encourage Maths games, such as board games or mathematical games online, e.g. Hit the button or ictgames.com.

Practise reading time on an analogue clock.

Share books and read bedtime stories.