



# NURSERY TERMLY NEWS

## A note from the Teachers

Welcome to Summer Term 1!

Get ready for a "paws-ively" exciting term as we dive into the wonderful world of Pets and Animal Friends. From wagging tails to twitching whiskers, we'll be exploring the creatures that share our homes and our hearts. This term is all about celebrating the animals we love while learning the responsibility of caring for them. Our young explorers will be: **Animal Caretakers:** Discovering what different pets eat, where they sleep, and how they stay healthy. **Gentle Hands:** Learning the importance of being kind, calm, and respectful toward all living things. **Junior Vets:** Stepping into our classroom "Vet Clinic" to diagnose, treat, and care for their plush "patients."

## SUMMER 1

### PE Timetable

Nursery	Reception
Monday	Monday
Thursday	

## Subject News

### Literacy



In literacy, we are developing children's phonological awareness, so that they can: spot and suggest rhymes, count or clap syllables in a word and recognise words with the same initial sound, such as money and mother.

### Maths



This term, we are taking math out of the textbook and bringing it into the real world! Our focus is on Real-Life Number Problems, specifically mastering the art of Sharing and Grouping.

### PSHE



In our PSHE sessions this term, we are exploring what it means to have big dreams and the "grit" to reach them! We are focusing on: A "Can-Do" Attitude: Believing in ourselves when faced with something new. Conquering Challenges: Learning that difficulties are just hurdles on the way to success. Resilience in Action: We will be modeling how to keep on trying and stay positive, even when things don't go perfectly the first time.

### Motor Development



This half term, we will support ready children in writing their first names and forming letters correctly.

### Communication and Language



This term, we are becoming master storytellers and time-travelers! We will be focusing on Story Sequencing and introducing the essential Time Vocabulary that helps us make sense of our busy days and favorite tales

### Personal Social and Emotional Development



This term, we are embarking on an inspiring journey to discover the power of "Yet." We'll be encouraging the children to look toward the future, find their passions, and build the confidence to reach for the stars

### Understanding the World



This term, we will be comparing photographs of pets from the past and present. By looking at photos of grandparents' and great-grandparents' pets alongside their own,

## Home Learning

To continue to support your child's development at home in line with our school based learning we would love it if you could practice:

- putting on your coat
- taking off your coat
- putting on your own shoes
- taking off your own shoes
- counting to 10.

We are getting into sunny season so please send your child at school with a labelled bottle water.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Jordan, Miss Gill & Miss Donnelly

## Star 6

### Nursery



### Reception





# RECEPTION TERM 1 NEWS



## A note from the Teachers

Welcome to Summer Term 1!

This half term, we are diving into the wild and wonderful world of "Animal Antics."

It's going to be an action-packed few weeks as the children explore the creatures that share our planet. From the tiny insects in our garden to the majestic beasts of the savannah, we'll be investigating habitats, life cycles, and the amazing things animals can do

## SUMMER 1

### PE Timetable

Nursery	Reception
Monday	Monday
Thursday	

## Subject News

### Literacy



This half term children will engage in extended conversations about stories. Children will talk about characters and events in stories and sequence what happens next.

### Maths



Children will deepen their understanding of numbers to 20, with a particular focus on "teen" numbers. They will explore the composition of these numbers, recognizing that a '1' in the tens column represents a full group of ten, while the second digit represents the remaining ones.

### PSHE



This term, we are supporting the children as they grow in confidence and kindness. We will be focusing on: Encouraging children to seek out new friends and invite others to play. Developing the skills to pay attention to what others are doing and dive into cooperative play. Learning to show genuine care and affection toward their friends and teachers.

### Motor Development



Children will master the use of tools to cut an increasing range of complex shapes with accuracy. We are focusing on developing greater coordination and intricate detail within their drawings

### Communication and Language



Children will learn to describe events and experiences with increasing detail and sequence. Using talk to clarify ideas, negotiate roles during activities, and organize their thoughts.

### Personal Social and Emotional Development



We are encouraging the children to seek adult support to help regulate their feelings and behaviour. We are also supporting them in building the confidence to identify their own strengths and speak about themselves in a positive way.

### Understanding the World



Children will compare and contrast the most common modes of transport used in Africa and the UK, identifying similarities and differences while investigating how landscape and climate influence how people travel.

## Home Learning

Each week your child will receive two pieces of home learning: one phonics sheet - which will link to the learning will have been doing in class. There will also be a maths based learning sheet which will link to the week's learning. Your child will get a reading book on a Friday - the phonic code in this will be linked to your child's learning. Reading books will be changed on the following Friday.

Thank you for your continued support - Miss Wood, Mrs Flo, Miss Evans & Miss Holmes.

## Star 6

### Nursery



### Reception





# KS1 TERMLY NEWS



## A note from the Teachers

Welcome back! It is wonderful to see everyone refreshed and ready for the Summer Term.

This term, our primary focus is mastering the art of recounts. We'll be diving deep into how we retell events, capture experiences, and bring our personal stories to life on the page!

## SUMMER 1

### PE Timetable

Year 1	Year 2
Tuesday	Tuesday

## Subject News

### Reading



In our guided reading sessions we will be using the Rocket Phonics books which are targeted to help improve fluency. We also ask that children read at home everyday and that their reading record is signed.

### Computing



This term, our computing curriculum focuses on developing foundational programming skills using Bee-Bots

### Writing



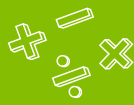
This term, our writing is inspired by some truly wonderful stories! We are using these texts to help the children understand how a story is built from the ground up. Our focus will be on: Making our personal experiences unforgettable through writing.

### DT



This term, our DT focus is all about healthy eating. The children will be designing and making their own nutritious salads. They will learn how to: Prepare ingredients: Developing their fine motor skills through washing, peeling, and safe slicing. Design a dish: Choosing a variety of colorful vegetables to create a balanced meal.

### Maths



Welcome to a brand-new term of Measurement Magic! Over the next few weeks, we are going to become masters of the world around us by exploring: Length: Measuring how long, tall, and wide things are. Weight: Comparing heavy and light objects with precision. Capacity: Finding out exactly how much a container can hold. Time: Learning to read the clock and manage our schedules.

### PSHE



This half term, our learning journey focuses on 'Dreams and Goals,' where we will explore how to set personal targets and overcome challenges.

## Home Learning

## Star 6

Each week your child will receive various pieces of home learning:

- 1 x maths based sheet linked to the learning in class
- 1 x times tables worksheet & TTRS
- 1 x Spelling sheet to practice spellings

Your child will bring home a reading book and reading record daily. You and your child can share the story and fill in their reading record. Your child can swap their book daily - or as required.

Thank you for your continued support - Miss Ralph, Mr Hobson and Miss Coggill.

### Year 1



### Year 2





# LKS2 TERMLY NEWS



## A note from the Teachers

Welcome back, we all hope you've had a lovely Easter break and feel refreshed and recharged and ready to go for our Summer 1 term. It feels crazy to think we are in our last term of the academic year. We have lots on with Wild days, a trip to Tropical World and Parents Evening. Throughout the term, we will continue to tick off our 100 experiences, keep an eye out on the school Facebook to see what we are up to.

## SUMMER 1

### PE Timetable

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Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday
Thursday	Thursday	Wednesday

## Subject News

### Reading



This half term we look at Varjak Paw. This novel follows the journey of a Mesopotamian Blue cat who lives in an isolated, aristocratic home with his family.

### Science



This half term we are exploring living things and their habitats. We will look at our tiny companions and where they are in the world and the way they have adapted in their habitats before moving onto to natural distaers.

### Writing



This half term we will develop our letter writing skills, using grammatical features such as complex sentences to expand our sentences and add extra detail.

### History



This term we look at Activism- Women and how change can be brought about socially and politically. We will look at the roles of women in our society and the impact of the suffragette movement.

### Maths



This term we will be moving away from measurement and onto geometry looking it shapes of all sizes and properties before testing our reflecting and translating.

### PSHE



This term our topic is called 'Healthy Me' we discuss topics of smoking, vaping and alcohol. We explore the concept of 'peer pressure' then working together as a team we look at who our safe adult and spaces are and how we use them.

## Home Learning

Each week your child will receive various pieces of home learning:

- 1 x reading comprehension with questions - this will link to the topics studied in class.
- 1 x maths based sheet/ times tables.
- 1 x SPAG/ Spelling sheet to practice skills from SPAG week,
- 1 x Theme based learning

Your child will also bring home a reading book. Please ensure reading records are signed by an adult and then brought in daily along with your child's reading book.

Thank you for your continued support

## Star 6

### Year 3



### Year 4





# UKS2 TERMLY NEWS

## A note from the Teachers

The whole of UKS2 hope you have enjoyed your Easter break and are feeling refreshed and raring to go for Summer 1! As we head into the warmer months, there is plenty in store, including an inspiring trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park and our final preparations for the upcoming SATs. Throughout the next few weeks, Year 6 will be entering the home stretch of their SATs mission - we are so proud of their focus and determination - while 5LB dive into their swimming sessions to build their confidence and skills in the water. Both year groups will continue their 100 experiences journey along the way, so be sure to look out for updates as we make the most of this busy and exciting term!

## SUMMER 1

### PE Timetable

Year 5	Year 6
5LB - Swimming Tuesdays /Thursday	6RM - Thursday
5EM - Monday /Thursday	6LP - Thursday

## Subject News

### Reading



This half term, Year 5 will be reading the novel, 'Pax'. Pax is a moving story about the powerful bond between a young boy named Peter and his pet fox, Pax, who are forced apart at the onset of a devastating war.

### Science



In Science, the children will be learning how to classify animals, microorganisms and plants. They will have ample opportunity to collaborate to develop their speaking and listening skills which is a huge project here at VPA.

### Writing



In writing, we begin the term with a SPAG week where the children will learn grammatical features that will be implemented into their writing. Following this, the children will writing biographies.

### History



This half term, the children will be looking in activism and how this has contributed to changes in the past that have shaped today. The children will explore important historical figures and events.

### Maths



In maths this half term, Year 5 will be starting their journey on data handling: reading, interpreting and drawing them. Y6 will continue with their revision work - it really is paying off!

### PSHE



This half term, the children will be looking at ways they can look after themselves. The children will explore their emotional wellbeing and look into ways to support it and help it thrive.

## Home Learning

Each week your child will receive various pieces of home learning:

- 1 x reading comprehension with questions - this will link to the topics studied in class.
- 1 x maths based sheet/ times tables.
- 1 x SPAG/ Spelling sheet to practice skills from SPAG week,
- 1 x Theme based learning

Your child will also bring home a reading book. Please ensure reading records are signed by an adult and then brought in daily along with your child's reading book.

Thank you for your continued support

### Year 5



### Year 6





# STARS TERMLY NEWS

## A note from the Teachers

Welcome back we hope you have had a refreshing break spending time with family and are coming back full of energy for the summer term.

This half term, we will be learning more about social skills, how we use them to help us in the wider community, and how this helps us find our place in the world. We will be developing our partner talk and oracy skills to help with communicating the right messages.

We cannot wait for another term full of fun!

## SUMMER 1

### PE Timetable

Sensory circuits

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2 x weekly

Once a week

Please bring PE kit on a Monday so we can use it every day.

## Subject News

### Cognition and Learning



In writing, we are looking at recounts describing events which have already happened developing our use of tenses.

In Maths, our focus will be counting and exploring the 3 & 4 times tables. We will also be looking at Measures.

### Social, Emotional and Mental Health



We will focus in on a therapeutic approach to social communications gaps. This will include Thrive activities, play therapy and learning about our own emotions and how we make others feel.

### Physical and Sensory



We will be practising our fine motor skills through fun activities such as baking and messy play.

We will be developing our gross motor skills through PE in orienteering and sensory circuits.

### Communication and interaction



We will be looking at social communication skills and interactions with each other. We will focus in on partner talk and waiting our turn. Most importantly, we will be learning to develop active listening skills.

## Home Learning

We would love for you to read with your child as much as you can- whether that be a bedtime story, an audiobook or even a video of a story. A story every day can enhance child's language and vocabulary and help to develop a better understanding of the world. Please bring daily to exchange.

Homework tasks will be sent throughout the week.

## Star 6

