

GREEN CLASS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to what I am sure is going to be another happy and successful year for your children at Vale View.

We have had a fantastic first week. I have been so impressed with the enthusiasm and energy that the children have returned to school with. They were very excited to see their friends again and have been getting to know their new environment.

They have been trying their best with their learning from the outset and are already identifying targets they would like to work towards over the next few weeks. I am so glad to be teaching your children and look forward to celebrating all their achievements.

I am conscious that we will not see each other in the mornings as you would have been more used to in year one. Any questions, issues or concerns please do feel free to make an appointment. Any messages for the day can be passed to Mrs Biles on the gate in the morning.

Miss Hall

English

Much of our English learning this term is linked to our topic 'Farm to Fork'. We will be building on the skills developed in year one; writing a wider range of styles, using more ambitious punctuation and learning new grammar and punctuation.

We will be focussing hard on our phonics and spelling; the expectation is that as we move through Year 2, the children will rely less on their phonics knowledge and learn to spell words in the correct way, choosing the correct letter combinations to make the sounds. We'll be playing lots of fun spelling games in class to try and cement our spelling learning and work on spelling bee words.



Reading at home

We will be doing lots of reading in class but to ensure your child makes the progress they need to in reading it is important they are having regular reading practice at home.

Each day that your child reads at home, they will receive a stamp on their bookmark, when this is full up it is entered into a draw to win a new book to take home and keep.

If you would like any advice on supporting your child's reading development at home, please do come and see me.

P.E.

Several children have not returned to school with a PE kit. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit at school to enable them to participate.

P.E will take place on Tuesdays with Mr Vellani.

Attendance

Attendance has a direct impact on children's learning and progress. It is also important they're in each day so they don't miss key lessons such as topic project work, where it is harder to catch up.

I do appreciate that sometimes absence really is necessary, but please do encourage your child to come to school if they are only feeling slightly under the weather. I promise we will keep a close eye on your precious little one and if they struggle during the day we can always contact you.

Homework

We have changed the format of homework this year. On Wednesday I will send the homework for the term. There are 8 tasks that the children can choose to complete and these can be handed in, in any order.

6 pieces of homework completed across this term will earn the children a certificate in Celebration Assembly.

If it is difficult for homework to be completed at home, your child is welcome to attend homework club on a Wednesday after school.

Topic



We have already started exploring our topic for this term. The topic is Farm to Fork. We are going to be learning about keeping ourselves healthy and what humans need in science and learning about historical figures such as Florence Nightingale.

We will be also be completing a D.T. project where children will design, make and evaluate a healthy meal.

Trips

I will be sending out a timetable of trips across the year very soon. Our first trip of the year will be on Wednesday 27th September to Bettshanger Country Park and will have a focus on science learning.