

The partnership between home and school is important to developing a happy, confident and successful learning. Here are some ways you can help. You are always welcome to come into school to share with us your delight/concerns/comments about our learning.

Mrs Abbott

How you can help:

- Ensure your child has read **DAILY**. Share the reading with your child as often as possible. We will be checking their Reading Journals and marking them off from every reading session an adult has signed.
- Discuss what they have read: ask them questions about what they have read and what they think might happen next; or why characters might say or do particular things.
- Support your child with their homework and encourage them to hand it in on time on Wednesdays.
- Helping them to learn spellings/ investigate spelling rules- especially for our Spelling Bee!
- Give children the chance to use maths in the shops and in the kitchen, as well as helping them to learn their times tables to improve mental maths skills.
- Coming in after school to discuss any queries or difficulties that may have arisen, as necessary.

GOLD CLASSES

Year 6 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you have enjoyed your break and that the children are looking forward to the new year.

This is an exciting year for all of the children in Year 6. Not only is this the culmination of your child's time at Vale View (as the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow!) but it is the year in which they are able to demonstrate their final ability in both Maths and English.

Throughout the year, there will be many exciting opportunities and experiences before your child will move onto the next stage of their educational journey. This term will be developing the children so that they are ready for the demands and expectations of the year ahead. Our Maths and English work will be preparing your child for these demands. The children will be working very hard at school and at home.

Thank you for your continued support for the school and for your child, and for taking the time to read this year group newsletter.

English: Our first unit in English will be based on 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar. As there is not a one-off writing test for SATs, the children's written work throughout the year will be moderated and assessed based upon the content. We will start by looking at biographies then move on to narrative description and playscripts. Please encourage your children to check out some of Louis Sachar's other books: Holes and Fuzzy Mud.

Maths: We will initially focus on securing our understanding of number then alongside statistics so any exploration of websites associated with these areas will be beneficial.

(<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/ordering-and-sequencing-numbers> .) Please also ensure your child has rapid recall of all times tables.

Science: Our area for study this term is The Circulatory System. We will be dissecting a heart, making blood and researching facts about William Harvey. We will be investigating our pulse rate and how it is affected by exercise. We will learn about the effects of exercise, drugs and alcohol on our bodies.

PSHE: The children will be thinking about new beginnings and how to deal with the range of feelings that can be created. We will also be considering rules and the Law of the land with a strong focus on democracy as we elect our School representatives.

Topic: The children's skills in history, geography and ICT will be developed in our exploration of Fitness & Well-being. We will be comparing life in the UK to New York (Louis Sachar's home) and thinking about how areas of natural beauty can improve our well-being. Whenever the weather allows, please take additional time to enjoy parks, cliffs and Kearsney Abbey and wonder at the change of seasons.

R.E: We will learn about Jesus and his mission. We will read extracts of the Bible and discuss our own morals, values and beliefs.

P.E: In PE this term, the children will be developing a range of skills to improve our fitness levels. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is always in school and they have the appropriate kit for both indoor and outdoor PE. As the weather will be unpredictable as we move into the Autumn, it would be beneficial for children to have a tracksuit alongside their shorts and T-shirt. Please ensure your child has trainers for outside PE.

Homework: Home-learning books will be given out every Wednesday and unless otherwise requested, would expect it to be completed and returned by Monday. Homework is a vital part of every child's learning and must be completed on time.

Diary Dates: