

## GREEN CLASS NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 November 2018

Welcome back to what we are sure is going to be another happy and successful term for your children at Vale View.

This term Mrs Watson, an experienced Year 2 teacher, and Mr Vellani will be teaching Green Class. Mrs Watson will be teaching in the mornings and Mr Vellani will teach in the afternoons.

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.

*Mrs Watson &  
Mr Vellani*

### P.E.

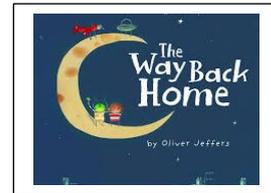
Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit at school to enable them to participate. Last term the children, who had PE kit, were able to enjoy participating in gymnastics and we were impressed by how well the children used the large apparatus to develop their movements and body control.

P.E will take place on Tuesdays.

*If your child wears earrings please remove them on this morning.*

### English

Much of our English learning this term is linked to our topic Explorers. We will be writing recounts (non-fiction) and stories based on the books by Oliver Jeffers (Lost & Found and The Way Back Home). We will be using more ambitious punctuation and learning new grammar.



We will continue to focus 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 us. As a general rule, if you show real interest in their reading, they will be more willing to read.

## 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.

We 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. We promise we will keep a close eye on your precious little one and if they struggle during the day we can always contact you.

## Topic



We have already started exploring our topic for this term. The topic is Explorers and exploring.

The children will learn what it means to be an explorer; what sort of attitude and skills are needed to find out new things.

They will also be learning about some famous explorers and how they changed history.

## Homework

As last 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.



## Trips

This term we will go on a mystery trip to support our science, topic and English learning...



## Maths

We will be focusing on addition and subtraction, mentally and using written methods. Please support your child by helping them to add/subtract 10s to any 2-digit numbers (E.G:  $34+10$ ,  $63-20$ ,  $6+30$  etc...). Daily counting in either 2s, 5s and 10s really helps as well.

Hit the Button is a great website (free)/app (paid) to help.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

In topic maths we will be investigating a range of 2D shapes.