

Fit For Life

Year 6 Term 1 Newsletter

English

Our first unit in English will be based on 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q. Rauf.

"The Boy at the Back of the Class" tells the story of a group of school friends who befriend Ahmet, a refugee boy from Syria, who sits at the back of their class. They learn about his difficult past and the refugee crisis, leading them to embark on a mission to reunite him with his parents. The story explores themes of friendship, empathy, and kindness, challenging prejudice and promoting understanding. We will use this story to write a diary entry from the character's point of view and a missing chapter to describe character and setting.

We will also be learning to write biographies. We will read about famous musicians, inspiring scientists and sportsmen and women.

Creative Curriculum

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 on our bodies, specifically our heart rate. We will explore the importance of healthy eating and will design a savoury snack (pasta) based on our learning. Your child could take part in cooking at home to further develop skills like cutting, grating and measuring ingredients.

Maths

This term, the children will be continuing to deepen their understanding of place value and our number system. We will learn to read, write, order and compare numbers up to 10 000 000 and determine the value of each digit. We will build on our prior learning and use negative numbers in a variety of contexts, and calculate intervals across zero. Throughout this topic, we will solve number and practical problems to strengthen our understanding. We will then move to extending our knowledge of calculations. We will build on previous methods learned including short and long division.

Throughout each week, children will take part in arithmetic-style activities to rehearse written and mental calculations.

Please ensure that your child has a rapid recall of times table facts. TTRS is a fantastic online tool to support this.

If you have any questions, worries or concerns and would like to speak to us we will be available most afternoons at the end of the school day. You can also contact us through the class email: goldclass@vale-view.kent.sch.uk

Thank you,
Mrs Creed and Mrs Kelly

PE - every Thursday afternoon



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