VALE VIEW SCHOOL

WHINLESS DOWN ACADEMY TRUST

JULIA DONALDSON CLASS TERM 2 NEWSLETTER



Maths

In Maths this term, we will be building on the children's understanding of addition and subtraction, developing their confidence with number bonds and exploring different ways to solve calculations. The children will use practical resources, such as counters and cubes, alongside part-whole models to represent numbers and explore how numbers can be broken down and combined.

We will also be exploring 2-D and 3-D shapes, learning to recognise and name different shapes, sort them according to their properties and create repeating patterns using shapes. Through practical, hands-on activities, the children will continue to develop their mathematical vocabulary, problem-solving skills and confidence when explaining their mathematical thinking.

Topic - Remember, Remember!

This term, our topic will begin by exploring the Gunpowder Plot and discovering why we remember the 5th of November. We will learn about Guy Fawkes and what life was like in the past, comparing it with how we live today. We will then become geographers and scientists by exploring the weather and changing seasons, learning about different types of weather and how these change throughout the year. The children will also become little meteorologists by measuring and recording rainfall and carrying out exciting investigations into ice and melting.

In Art, we will take inspiration from artist Andy Goldsworthy, exploring how natural materials can be used to create beautiful artwork. We will experiment with different colours, textures and materials to create our own nature-inspired sculptures and seasonal artwork.

Writing

This term, we will be exploring a range of exciting poetry and stories, including fireworks poems, The Snow Thief and The Dinosaur That Pooped Christmas! The children will develop their writing skills by creating rhyming phrases, using interesting adjectives and writing simple sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will also explore non-fiction through learning about Guy Fawkes, discovering how information texts are written and practising using questions and exclamation marks. As we approach Christmas, the children will have opportunities to write letters and create their own festive pieces of writing.

PE

Our PE lessons will be on Wednesdays. Children will need to come into school in their full pe kit, with their earrings taken out. They will then retrun home in their pe kit.



I am available at the end of the day if you wish to discuss any worries, questions or concerns. Alternatively, if you would like to email any questions then please use our class email which is vvyear1@vale-view.kent.sch.uk

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