Year R Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn Term

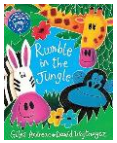
Communication, Language and Literacy

Key Areas of learning for this term:

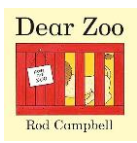
- Nursery Rhymes
- Sequencing and Retelling Stories
- Using Story Maps to help us to retell stories
- Traditional Tales
- Drawing Club

Books we will be exploring:

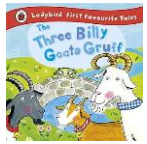
Nursery Rhymes
I Fell out of Bed
Goodnight



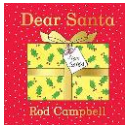












Things to remember each week this term:

Daily: water bottle, sun hat, healthy snack, lunch, suitable coat.

Please can wellies stay in school, we will use them most days.

Wednesday - PE

Friday - Library Books and Reading Books

Maths

Key Areas of learning for this term:

Match, Sort and Compare
Match Pictures and Objects, Identify a Set, Sort Objects to a type, Explore sorting techniques, Create sorting rules and Compare Amounts.

Talk about Measure and Patterns
Compare Size, Compare Mass, compare Capacity, Explore Simple Patterns, Copy and Continue Simple Patterns, Create simple patterns.

It's Me 1, 2, 3
Find 1, 2 and 3, Subitise 1, 2 and 3, Represent 1, 2 and 3, 1 more, 1 less, Composition of 1, 2 and 3.

Circles and Triangles
Identify and name circles and triangles, Compare circles and triangles, Shapes in the environment, Describe position.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Find 4 and 5, Subitise 4 and 5, Represent 4 and 5, 1 more, 1 less, Composition of 4 and 5 and Composition of 1 to 5.

Shapes with 4 Sides
Identify and name shapes with 4 sides, Combine shapes with 4 sides, Shapes in the environment.

Helping your Child at Home and at School

Read daily at home
Please complete your child's reading diary/log
Practice mental maths facts e.g. counting, times tables
Become a member of the Guille Alles Library - visit regularly
Support school open days, events and trips where possible

Help prepare them for a positive day ahead by:
Encouraging a calm start to the morning with a healthy breakfast
Arriving at school by 8.45am
Providing a healthy snack and nut free lunch
Sending a full bottle of water every day
Ensuring your child gets a good night's sleep

Prime Areas of Learning This Term:

Physical Development
Gross Motor Skills (GMS) Work linked to our handwriting Letterjoin
Fine Motor Skills (FMS) Work each week
Weekly PE Lessons – Music and Movement

Health, Social and Emotional Development
"Ready, Respectful, Safe"
Zones of Emotional Regulation
Creating our Class Charter
The 4 Vale way mottos
Kind Hands

Other Key Areas of Learning This Term:

Discovery of the World
Learning how there are 4 seasons in Guernsey and observing the changes to our local environment in autumn.
Talking about how we have changed since we born from babies, to toddlers, to preschoolers to school children.

Imaginative and Creative Development
Colour Mixing Paint
Using glue to create collages
Observational Drawings (linked to autumn)
Using natural resources to create art linked to Leaf Man

Contacting Us

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Please note, staff are not expected to respond to Dojo messages before 8.30am and after 5.00pm.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding at Vale Primary School is our highest priority. If you should have any concerns about the wellbeing of a member of our school community, please ask to speak to one of our Safeguarding Officers or email vlp.office@education.gg



Mrs Eyton-Jones
DSL



Miss Mills
DDSL



Mrs Donnelly
DDSL



Mrs Le Prevost
DDSL

The school day starts at 8.45am. Please ensure all children are at school in enough time to be in their classrooms ready for 8.45am when the register is taken.

We are a Rights Respecting School

Did you know that under...

Article 27 every child has the right to food, clothing and a safe place to live

Article 28 every child has the right to an education





Welcome back to the Autumn term of the academic year 2026-2027.

Here are some key dates for this term:

September

- Mon 14th Sep – Fitzgeralds – individual photos
- Wed 16th Sep – PTA AGM @ 6pm – all welcome
- Mon 21st Sep – Fairtrade Fortnight begins
- Tues 29th Sep – Harvest Assembly

October

- Thurs 8Th Oct – Nasal Flu Vaccine
- Fri 9th Oct – PTA Ball @ Peninsula
- Tues 20th Oct – Parents evening 3.15 – 6.00pm
- Thurs 22nd Oct – Parents evening 3.15 – 6.00pm
- Fri 23rd Oct – Last day of term 3.00pm finish
- Mon 26th – Fri 30th Oct - Half term week

November

- Mon 2nd Nov – Term begins
- Fri 13th Nov – Children in Need
- Mon 16th Nov – Anti -Bullying week begins
- Fri 27th Nov – PTA Winter Fayre 5.30 – 7.30pm

December

- Mon 7th Dec – Year 1 Christmas Show @ 1.30pm
- Tues 8th Dec - Year 1 Christmas Show @ 1.30pm
- Wed 9th Dec – Year 2 Nativity @ 1.30pm
- Thurs 10th Dec – Year 2 Nativity @ 1.30pm
- Fri 11th Dec – Rec Christingle @ 10.00am
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- Mon 14th Dec – Y3/4 Christmas Show @ 1.30pm
- Tues 15th Dec – Y3/4 Christmas Show @ 1.30pm
- Wed 16th Dec – KS2 Christmas Parties **TBC**
- Thurs 17th Dec – Rec and KS1 Christmas Party
- Thurs 17th Dec – Yr 5/6 Carol Service St Stephens Church @1.30pm **TBC**
- Fri 18th Dec – Term Ends @ 1.00pm