



Alver Valley News

25 October 2019



Important Dates

Monday 4th November-Junior School Photos, drop in session for sibling photos between 8-9am

Tuesday 5th November-Infant School Photos, drop in session for sibling photos between 8-9am

Tuesday 5th November- Year 3 trip to the Search Museum

Thursday 7th November- 2AH re-scheduled trip to Swanwick Lakes Nature Reserve

Monday 11th November-Anxiety workshop run by the School Nursing Team at 9am

Tuesday 12th November-Nursery trip to Teeny Town

INSET DAY

Monday 20th January

Friday 14th February

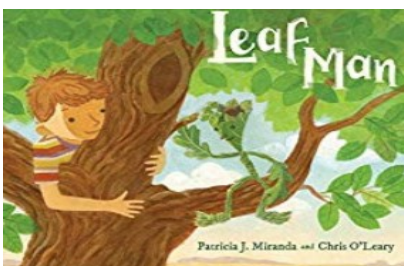
What's going on in Alver Valley Schools?



Nursery

In Nursery we are learning to look for signs of Autumn and how the seasons change into Winter. We are using nature to create art, using books such as 'Going on a leaf hunt' and 'Leaf Man' as inspiration.

We are learning to cooperate, share and take turns. We will be going on our school trip to Teeny Town where we will learn about the different jobs people can do, trying them out and taking on different roles.



Year 1

Year 1 had an excellent time at Fort Nelson. They applied what they had learnt in science about materials and worked in small groups to construct their own houses for The Three Little Pigs. Using Ipads, the children explored the tunnels in the Fort and took photos of the different materials that they were built from - chalk, flint, etc.

We have been writing descriptive poems about dragons and rhyming poems about monsters. Also we have been doing some 'monster maths' in context for division and fractions.



Thank you to everyone that attended the Year 1 Stay and Play session on maths. If you weren't able to attend, please collect a home learning resource pack from one of the Year 1 teachers. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning alongside their parents and we had really positive feedback from the parents too - thank you!

Year 3

Year 3 have been writing descriptive poems about dragons and rhyming poems about monsters.



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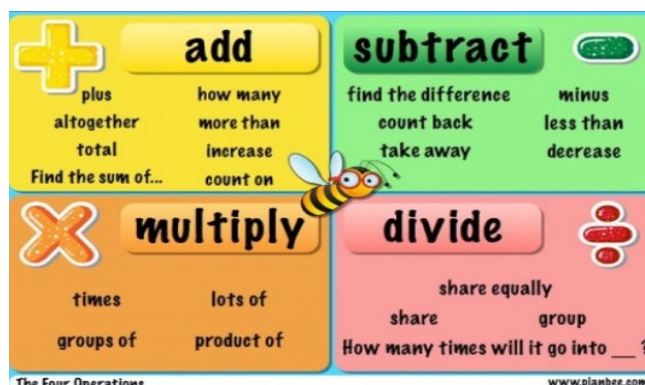


Year 4

Year 4 have made sparks fly with our sensational poetry. We have also written some fabulous firework making instructions and currently we are working on a diary extract to portray Lila's journey through the Indonesian jungle.



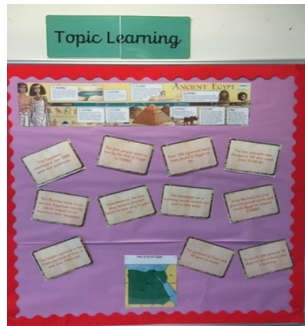
In maths we have been exploring the four operations and we will be having some fun with the theme of Halloween to embed this knowledge.





Year 5

In Year 5, we have been exploring the mysterious world of Ancient Egypt and we have uncovered lots of new facts about pyramids, pharaohs and mummies. We have been extremely impressed with the quality of the home learning produced by the children and appreciate the support parents and carers have given (especially with regard to baked goods!) We have also been thrilled with the children's exceptional Egyptian dance moves and their fabulous clay Canopic jars! We are lucky to have such a creative year group.



Year 6

Year 6 have been soaring up to space for science and investigating the use of electricity in Space Stations. This coincides with the work we did at the beginning of the topic about the history of science and electrical circuits themselves. English this term has been centered around our beautifully rich text 'Shadow of the Minotaur' which leads into our history project- Ancient Greeks! We have also been designing our own mythical creatures in art; sculpting them in clay. In maths we have been delving into the four operations, completing many challenges, particularly focussing on our reasoning skills.



Alver Valley Football News

Alver Valley School competed in their first Boys Football league game of the year on Thursday 17th October. Although the weather was extremely unpredictable with heavy monsoon like rain pouring down over the course of the day this did not put the boys off. They were incredibly excited to be representing Alver Valley schools for the first time.

Alver Valley started very strongly with a rather comprehensive defense not allowing Grange Junior a single chance. However, with most of the Grange football team being almost a foot taller than our boys, they did manage to break through and score two goals in quick succession. This still did not deter Alver Valley and they came back fighting with several attempts on goal being saved or deflecting off the posts, eventually all came good with a Jordan H goal in the bottom left corner! The score at half time was 2-1 to Grange. In the second half Grange started very quickly getting the ball to their no.12 who clearly plays at a high level scoring some very good goals. The match ended 8-1 to Grange.

I would like to express just how proud I am and we should all be for the efforts and hard work the football team put in last week, results aside, they represented Alver Valley Schools fantastically. Well done to all.

Mr Evans



We Need Your Help



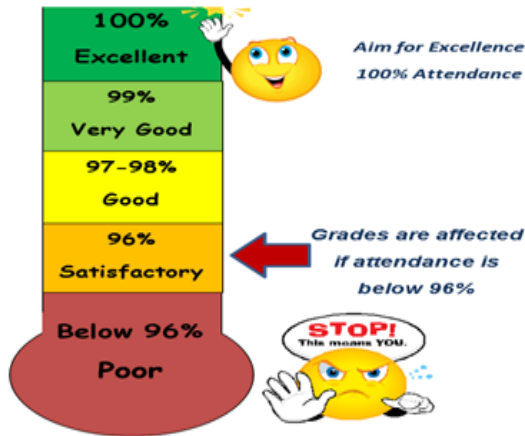
Do you have 15 minutes to spare? We would love to have volunteers come in and read with some of our children. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

Mrs Russell

Attendance News



ATTENDANCE



Highest Attendance

Week Commencing	Infant School	Junior School
7th October	1R 99.2%	5BE 98.8%
14th October	RGC 99.3%	3H 98.2%

September



Infant School—36 children missed 8 hours & 27 minutes due to being late!

Junior School—28 children missed 9 hours & 6 minutes due to being late!



The deadline for applying for a Year 7 school place is 31st October. If you do not apply by the deadline you will significantly reduce the chance of your child getting a place at your preferred school. Please see the office if you would like a paper application form.



Asthma

We have a number of children in school who are listed as having asthma but have no inhaler. It is your responsibility to ensure your child has an in date inhaler in school at all times along with a consent form. Forms can be obtained from the school office.



Monday 11th November Remembrance Day

Poppies and other items are now on sale at the office. Please bring a minimum contribution of 20p for poppies. Speak to the office team regarding minimum contributions for other items.



We raised an incredible £334.59 last year so lets see if we can top that this year!

Monday 11th November is Remembrance Day. To commemorate the day, we will be holding our annual Remembrance Day assembly and honouring the one minute silence at 11am.

Children who are part of organisations who mark the occasion are invited to wear their Beaver/ Scouts/Cubs/Guides/Brownie/Rainbows uniform on this day.

Any parents/carers who are part of the Armed Forces are welcome to join us in their uniform at 10:45am on this day, ready for a 10:50 start. It would be a privilege to have you join us.



Alver Valley Schools Uniform

Children are encouraged to clearly identify themselves as belonging to Alver Valley Schools and to take a pride in their appearance. Therefore, we expect all children to wear school uniform.

Please ensure your child's school uniform and PE kit is named (including their coat).

Boys

- Black or grey trousers
- Plain white polo shirt
- Alver Valley sweatshirt
- Black shoes – **not trainers or boots**
- Black or grey shorts for summer

Girls

- Plain white polo shirt
- Black or grey skirt or trousers
- Alver Valley sweatshirt/cardigan
- Black shoes – **not trainers or boots**
- Green checked gingham dress for summer

Sweatshirts, cardigans and bookbags with embroidered logos are available from the school office. Jeans, sportswear and hoodies must not be worn to school.

PE Kit

All children must have a complete PE kit available at all times, contained in a suitable bag.

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts
- Trainers
- Plain sports tracksuit (during colder months)



Beach wear or leisure wear is not suitable for PE in school and should not be worn.

Jewellery

Jewellery, including earrings is not allowed. This is in the interests of all children's safety. If you feel it necessary for your child to have pierced ears, the following guidelines must be followed:

Looped or hanging earrings are **not** allowed.

Ear studs may be worn, but please send your child without them on PE days, or cover them with tape if the piercing is new.

Hairstyles

Mohicans, tramlines and other extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school.



School Dinners

We have a new tasty menu for our return to school on 4 November; you should have received your copy via your child. Please be aware that all Infant child are at present entitled to a free school meal each day and so why not take advantage of this and let your child taste our lovely meals.

For all Junior children who do pay for meals please be aware they are £2.40 per day and this needs to be paid for in advance or on the day which then saves time chasing money in the office.

All parents/carers should have a log in code for Scopay to make payment easier, if you do not have a code please contact the office who will be happy to help.



Have a lovely half term!

See you all on Monday 4th November



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