



Vale Mail

Dear Parents /Carers

A Happy Easter to you and I hope the holidays bring some spring sunshine to us all in the next few weeks.

It has been a delight to see all of the young people back in school and an element of normality taking place.

We are celebrating the end of the Spring term with a virtual Easter Celebration with contributions from all departments, we are really looking forward to seeing what everyone has produced for this.

The wonderful Catering Team are also doing a picnic lunch for us all on April 1st as a special treat for the whole school to take part in.

We have had a whole school 'School Council and ECO Warrior' meeting this term to seek the students views on what they want in their school. This was a very interesting thing to do, and many good suggestions were put forward from all participating students. We will endeavour to put some of these things in place, but the outdoor and indoor pool may have to wait a while!

I wish you all a very Happy Easter and want to thank all the pupils and staff for all their hard work this Spring Term.







Mrs Rachel Perks **Headteacher**











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 and  School Council and Eco Warriors

 from  our  School Council  Chairperson and  Eco Warrior.

 We  have  another  different  term  again.








 Some  of  our  class  friends  were  at  school,  others  had






 lessons  via  Zoom.  We  were  happy  to  all  come back



 together  at the  beginning  of  March.

 We  have  celebrated  lots of  different  events  this  term,

 World  Book  Day,  Comic Relief  Red  Nose  Day and

 William Shakespeare  week  in  English.  We  hope that  everyone

has a  lovely  Easter  holiday and  everyone stays  safe.

 Sarah and  Matthew

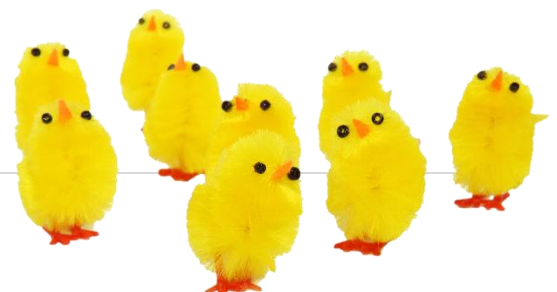


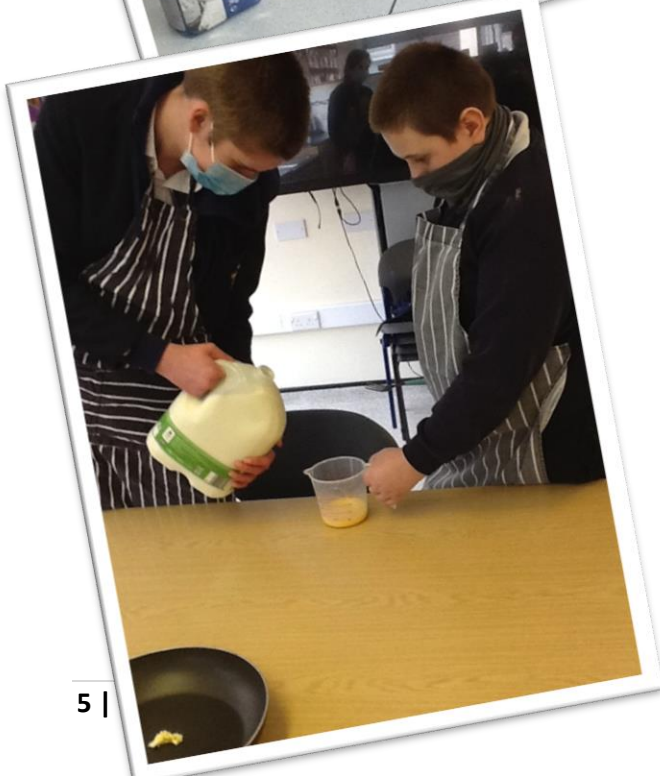
3JS Ready.... steady...cook!

Spring term has been full of some eggciting recipes! We have explored different ways eggs can be cooked and developed our independence using kitchen equipment safely. Our skills and creativity in the kitchen have grown so much over recent weeks that we have taken the lead on deciding what we cook. Dividing into teams, we look in the ingredients box and use our knowledge of familiar recipes before preparing our choices. Our understanding of different cooking processes means that we can find appropriate equipment to prepare the chosen recipes. We continue to use our maths skills by weighing, estimating and setting timers.

We've made omelettes, pancakes, egg on toast, banana bread and apple cake to name a few, all of which have tasted great! During the latest lockdown our friends have shared their home cooking experiences with us too. We've worked well in teams and have organised ourselves to ensure everything is washed and tidied away at the end of each lesson. Well done 3JS for super cooking!

By Class 3JS





Willow Group

Colours



When we returned from the Christmas Holidays we arrived to find things were not as expected. We continued to work hard both in school and at home on our topic of colours.

We looked at a range of fun stories including Elmer the Elephant, The Rainbow Fish and My Many Coloured Days.

Many Thanks to all of our parents who worked really hard to make sure that we all managed to access the learning based around this topic.

Also, a huge thanks to the class and school team who supported the class and myself as I took some time off for paternity leave.

Growing



When we returned from Half term we changed our topic to Growing.

Once again, we were split with some of our pupils at home but thankfully we are all now back in school and enjoying our topic looking at all things and stories about plants and growing.

Some particular favorites within class have been Jaspers Bean stalk and Oliver's Vegetables.

We have managed to grow some cress, some herbs and some beanstalks. We have managed to take advantage of the improved weather to spend some more time outside and we are looking forward to doing this even more as we go forward into the summer.



Walton Suite Gardens



Class 3JS planted some bulbs in our garden flower bed (recycled bath!).

They have now grown into this lovely display.

They are very well planted and they make us all feel happy when we see them.

Spring flowers are blooming wonderful.

Class 3JS





3EP

This week 3EP had the chance to go onto the playground to have a bike riding session. Everyone took part and selected themselves a bike to ride. Reece and Matty took a bicycle with no stabilizers, while Olivia H, Kaya, Harvey and Olivia N got out the three-wheeler tricycles. Although there was quite a cold chill in the air, the children were soon warmed up, by riding their bikes for our PE session. Towards the end of our time on the playground Olivia H had a go at riding a two-wheeler bicycle with no stabilizers. She was a little nervous at first but got the hang of using her feet and looking ahead while leaning on Pam to get an idea of how riding a bike would feel, if she were to be able to ride a two-wheeler bicycle on her own. Everyone had a fun time while we were outside in the fresh air on the bikes.



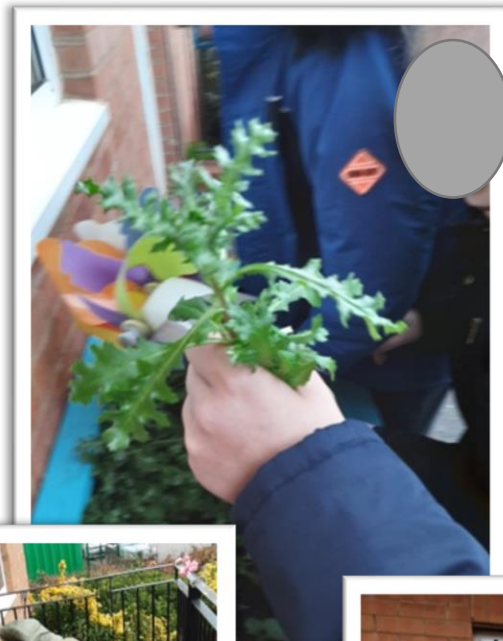


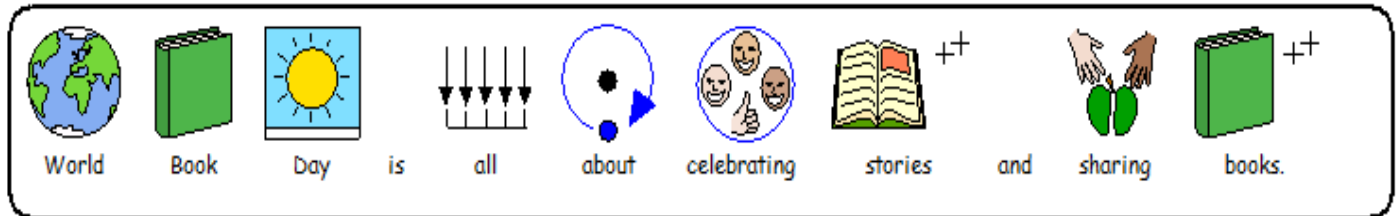
Gardening with 3EP

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This week the beginning of March saw a new side to Class 3EP becoming mini gardeners. We planted our runner beans in class, in a plastic wallet that we made into mini greenhouses. We added some cotton wool and water and slowly after a few weeks, each bean began to have a little shoot grow from it. Miss Pagel and Pam took them home to care for them over half term then brought them back to plant outside, when we all returned to school. Firstly, class 3EP had to take out any weeds from the troughs where we were going to plant them, then dig over the soil. Finally, we planted the runner bean plants outside, put sticks in the soil to help them stand up straight to grow up. And finally put a woolly blanket round the plants to keep the frost from killing the plants. Then all we have to do is wait for the sun to shine to help the plants to grow.





World Book Day

In 2021, World Book Day, just like everything else, has been a little bit different. But we didn't let that stop us from celebrating as a school.

We had a Zoom assembly so each class could share their wonderful costumes.

There were lots of lovely themes, some classes chose to dress up as Mr Men characters, and others were from Toy Story.

In Class 3JS our adults dressed up as characters from "The Midnight Gang" and we had a couple of Harry Potters.

We hope that you all enjoyed sharing a story together. We shared a story with our Home Learners on Zoom, some of our young people at home also dressed up.

What is your favourite story to share?

SHARE A STORY FOR 10 MINUTES TODAY

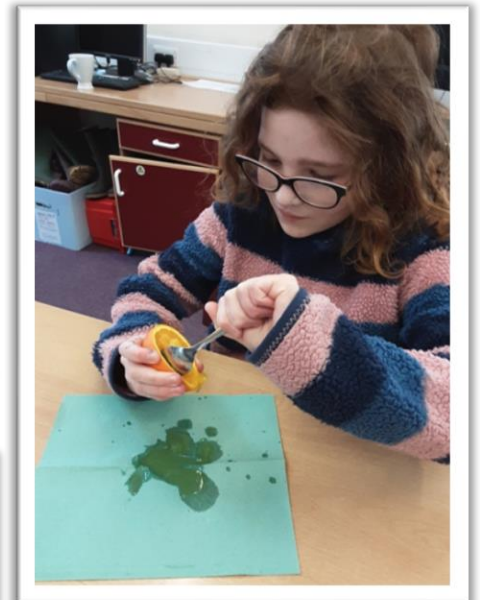
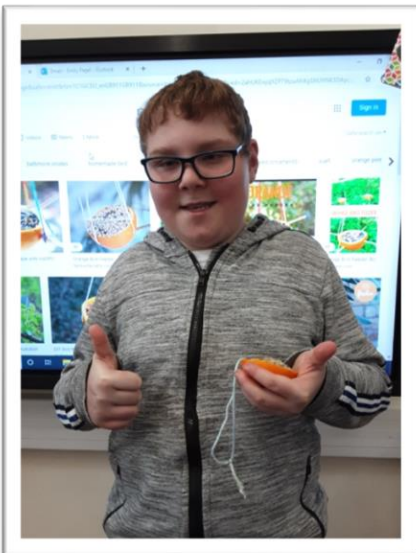




Feathered friends

3EP are dedicated to looking after our feathered friends at this chilly time of the year. We made some delicious fat balls using lard and seeds which we hung in the Walton suite garden. There must have been some takers because we noticed that some were gone the following morning.

In order to help the twitchers at the RSPB we carried out a survey by seeing how many different types of birds we could see in half an hour. Despite some students claiming they had seen some very tropical sounding birds, we ended up recording pigeons and blackbirds. It was great to sit and relax and listen to the birdsong, identifying other sounds we could hear.



Maple

Maple class are glad to have everyone back together since our last lockdown, and we were so excited to see all of our friends again. We have been thinking about growing this half term and have planted some seeds that will grow into giant beanstalks, planted some flowers to watch grow on our patio and had a look at some pictures of when we were little to think about how much we have grown! We thought the pictures of the grown-ups as babies were really funny! We have especially enjoyed our story 'the very hungry caterpillar' and we made a big caterpillar for in our classroom!



Residential News Letter - Spring Term - update

This is probably the strangest entry in a newsletter I have had to write. Usually it would be full of photos of the young people, enjoying various activities in school and out. However, this term has been very different.



During the time that residential has been closed - we have taken the opportunity to re-paint all of the bedrooms and communal areas with the colours chosen by our young people. A big shout out to the team and Jackie and Tracey from our domestic team for tackling the painting!



The staff team became the Covid Testing team. Many of our residential young people have participated in the Covid testing and coped extremely well (much better than the staff) completing their tests.

We continue to be waiting on various building work to be undertaken and continue to operate with two suites rather than 3.

Our residential pupils returned to the provision on the 8th March. Myself and the team are so proud of them. They have returned to the suites and settled back into their routines amazingly well, and so grown up!

Everyone has been participating in various celebrations, St. Patricks Day and the Cherry Blossom Festival. As well as taking the opportunity to get out in the fresh air, with parks, walks and forest.

Moving forward to the summer term, we are all looking forward to returning to a bit of normality and being able to invite families back into school, to celebrate with our young people, fingers crossed we can achieve this in the summer term.

Sharan and the Residential Team

A Walk in Broadway

By Kamila

I see some dogs and sheep. Lots of people are happy. The sun is out in the blue sky. I smell the food in the cafe.

We go to walk in nature. I pick up a long stick. I see the flowers. It could be a daisy flower and daffodil flowers.



This Term in Nursery...

It has been lovely to welcome back our little people after lockdown. They are all settling back in really well, and we have been having lots of fun together. Our topic this term is transport, and this is very popular with a lot of children. We have already looked at cars, boats and trains, and this week we are exploring the stars in our space rockets! The children have made some beautiful artwork including a papier Mache hot air balloon.

As part of the wider school community, and we are also using our Forest School time on a Friday to join in with the Vale Miles Challenge. We are looking forward to celebrating Red Nose Day too.

Happy Easter from the Nursery Team



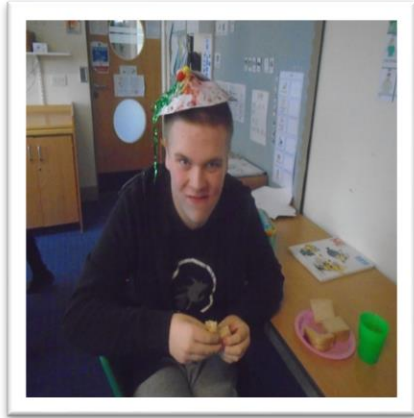


A note from our on-line safety Team.

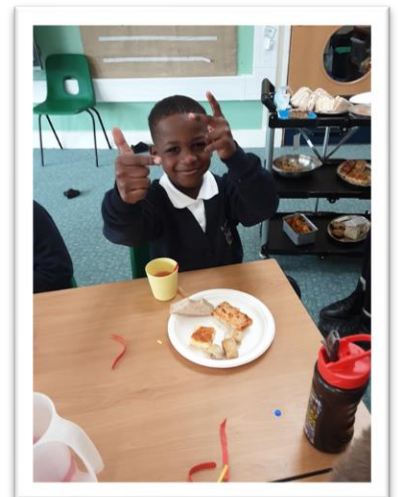
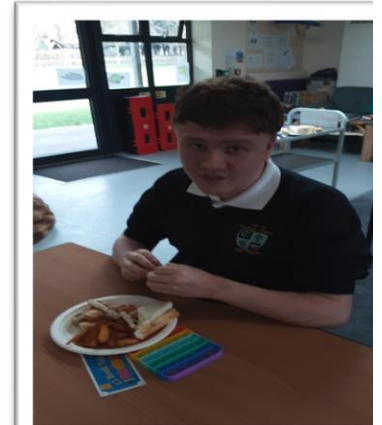
Explore together and chat little and often:

Ask your child to show you their favourite apps, games and sites and encourage them to teach you how to use these. Ask them if anything ever worries them online. Make sure they know they won't be in trouble and can get help by talking to you or another adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried, sad or scared.

Welcome back lunch!



On Monday 8th March, all pupils returned to school after a long time learning from home. It was wonderful to see them all again, and everyone seemed really happy to be back. Lynne from the kitchen and her team had a lovely idea to welcome the students back into school in spectacular fashion and cooked up a feast for lunch! There was pizza, quiche and wedges – favourites for everyone; then there were egg, cheese, ham and jam sandwiches (not all together in one!!); healthy carrot and celery sticks and to finish homemade cakes and biscuits – a proper party! Party hats were worn and everyone had a wonderful time.



Thank you, Lynne and your team, – you are great!!

Vale well-being challenge 2021

On February 22nd February, we launched our Vale well-being challenge (part 1). This will see all pupils, staff and their families, both in school and at home, coming together to complete a community challenge – joining us together, even when we are apart.

Our goal is to travel the entire coastline of Great Britain – an amazing 11,072 miles! We are already in week 3 and everyone is working so very hard to achieve our challenge

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Youngminds ‘are leading the movement to make sure every young person gets the mental health support they need, when they need it, no matter what.’

You can walk, run, cycle, skip, hop, dance, roll, scoot – as long as you are moving you can contribute to our target! If you can let your children’s class teacher know all of your miles for the week on a Friday, we can add these to our totalizer in reception and we will keep you all updated as the weeks go by. We have until March 31st to reach our target. Please find our justgiving fundraising page here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/vale-of-evesham>

If you are happy to have your photos and videos put onto the school website, in a celebration film and around school and our social media sites, please send in your activities at home via dojo to your children’s class teacher, or you can contact myself or Nicky Gregg on the below email addresses:
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nicky.gregg@valeofeveshamschool.org

VALE OF EVESHAM SCHOOL
DIARY DATES - Summer Term 2021



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Academic Year 2020 – 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021

TERM STARTS	Tuesday 20 th April 2021	PD Day – Monday 19 th April 2021 May Bank Holiday – Monday 3 rd May 2021
TERM ENDS	Friday 28 th May 2021	
HALF TERM WEEK	Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June 2021	
TERM STARTS	Monday 7 th June 2021	
TERM ENDS	Wednesday 21 st July 2021	

Academic Year 2021 - 2022

AUTUMN TERM 2021

TERM STARTS	Monday 6 th September 2021	PD Day – Thursday 2 nd & Friday 3 rd September 2021.
TERM ENDS	Thursday 21 st October 2021	PD Day – Friday 22 nd October 2021
HALF TERM WEEK	Monday 25 th October 2021 – Friday 29 th October 2021	
TERM STARTS	Monday 1 st November 2021	
TERM ENDS	Friday 17 th December 2021	

SPRING TERM 2022

TERM STARTS	Wednesday 5 th January 2022	PD Day - Tuesday 4 th January 2022
TERM ENDS	Friday 18 th February	
HALF TERM WEEK	Monday 21 st February – Friday 25 th February 2022	
TERM STARTS	Monday 28 th February 2022	
TERM ENDS	Friday 8 th April 2022	

SUMMER TERM 2022

TERM STARTS	Monday 25 th April 2022	
TERM ENDS	Friday 27 th May	May Bank Holiday – Monday 2 nd May 2022
HALF TERM WEEK	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June 2022	
TERM STARTS	Tuesday 7 th June 2022	PD Day – Monday 6 th June 2022
TERM ENDS	Friday 22 nd July 2022	

The early publication of these term dates enables holidays to be booked during the school closure periods in line with school attendance requirements.
 All dates may be subject to change.

Please note PD Days are provisional at this stage.