

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

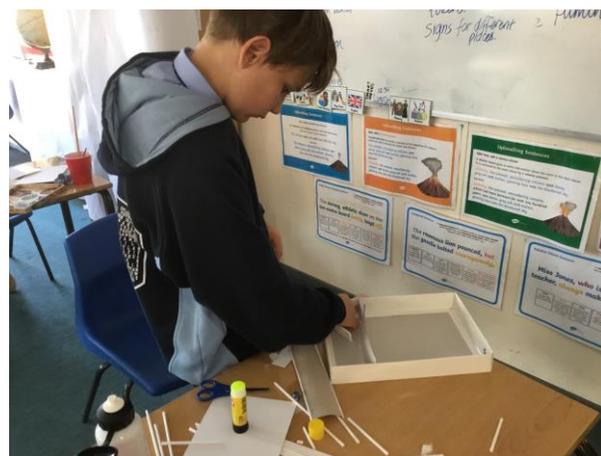
# Inspiring All



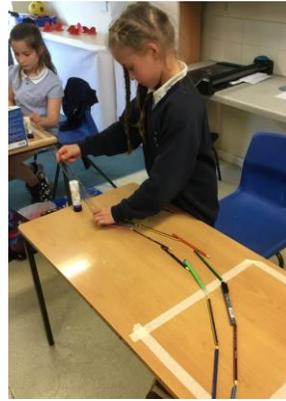
It has been lovely this week to have so many smiling faces in school. We welcomed back Year 5 on Wednesday who have settled so quickly and been really engaged in the learning in their bubbles. They have very quickly, like our other years, settled to the new rules and routines. Their two new bubble names are: 'Bubblicious!' and 'Penguin' – two more original names chosen by the children. We have been asking the bubbles to do this to create a sense of belonging to their new team until the end of term. Like the other week's we have also reiterated our hand hygiene and 'catch it, bin it, kill it' rules and practised not only a fire drill but also a lockdown drill. It is important that the children and staff understand and feel confident about how to respond in these drills, which they have done. We of course sincerely hope we never have to put them into practise.



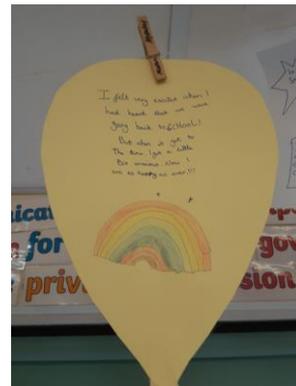
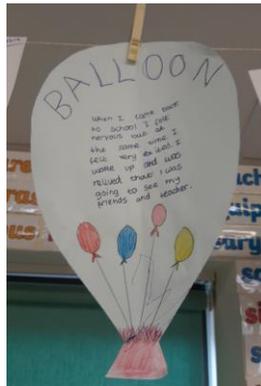
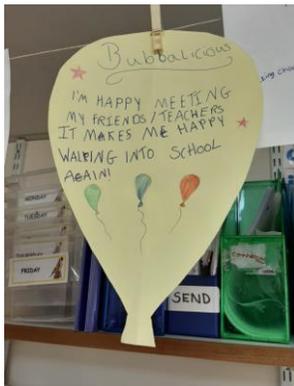
Year 5 collaborative art work



Year 6 making marble runs



Year 5 and 6 creating marble runs



Year 5 balloon activity

As you will have heard in this week's news and Government announcement, we are very much hoping and planning for a full return of all year groups to school in September and will be spending the next week or so ensuring we put in place plans that adhere to DfE and PHE guidance and are approved by GLF. As ever we will follow all the advice given for a safe return and will communicate our plans with you as soon as we can.

### Transition Picnics

We do hope you managed to see the assembly this week where class teachers introduced themselves to their new classes. If you haven't managed to catch it can be found on the home page of the school website: [www.vale.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.vale.surrey.sch.uk).

	New Teacher/Current Teacher Picnic on the field	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 12-1pm	Y5 Bubble 1	Y5 Bubble 2
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 12-1pm	Y3- Y4	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm - 2.30pm	New to Year R	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 12-1pm	Y4 – Y5	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 1.15-2.15pm	Y2 – Y3	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 12-1pm	Y1 - Y2 Bubble 1	Y1 - Y2 Bubble 2
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 12-1pm	YR - Y1 Bubble 1	YR - Y1 Bubble 2



It has been lovely to have great response to our offer to join us for these transition sessions and we are looking forward to them. A parentmail went out earlier in the week with some more detail about the events so please do check your emails if you have not seen. If you have any other queries please do not hesitate to ask.

### Drop Off Box

We are aware that some families may have reading books or other resources at home that need returning to school before the end of term. We will be putting a drop off box outside the school front door each day during the last week of term from 13<sup>th</sup> July so that any items that need to return to school or get to a teacher can be placed in there. In the instance of wet weather we will keep it just tucked inside the front door by the office and you are welcome to drop in there (one parent at a time).

### Thank you

Mrs Leyland and I were really surprised to see an anonymous donation of books left outside of school this week. All of them were in lovely condition and relevant to a lot of our curriculum. We have sorted them into class sets and the children will be able to benefit from them in the Autumn Term. If you know who has donated them – please do pass on our appreciation.

### Virtual Sports Day

We have been really pleased to see how children both at home and in school are getting excited to be a part of this annual event. The house captain videos to launch the event were posted on google classrooms on Monday of this week and can also be found on the homepage of our school website. We have already had some entrants and there is a lovely video of one of our children at home, on our website taking part.

The four activities are:

Activity 1	How far can you jump from a standing position?
Activity 2	How many star jumps can you do in 30 seconds?
Activity 3	How many times can you hop in 30 seconds?
Activity 4	How long can you hold your body in the position of a plank for?

For children in school - adults will record results of the whole bubble and then pass them on to Year 6 to collate and analyse. For those children at home, we would love to receive photos of you completing the activities wearing your house colours. Please send photos and completed record sheets to [info@vale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@vale.surrey.sch.uk). Year 6 will collect the results and work out the winning house for the Infants and Juniors. We are asking you to complete this by 10<sup>th</sup> July.





Congratulations

All our best wishes and congratulations go to Jayden in Year 1 and his family as they have welcomed baby Rocco into the world.



#Whole School Challenge

We set the whole school challenge in the virtual assembly on Wednesday. This week we would like the children from current YR to Y5 to complete an activity to give to their new class teacher. They will have an envelope to collect them at you transition picnic sessions. This poster will help them as they get to know you all. I have attached the poster with this newsletter. If you are unable to join us for the picnic, then please can you drop off/post/email a photo of the poster for your new teacher.

## #WholeSchoolChallenge

We would like you to complete this activity for your new teacher. It will be posted in google classrooms and sent out with this week's newsletter.

**E njoyment**  
At the Vale we believe in the importance of every member of our Vale family enjoying their learning experiences .



## End of Term

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June is the end of the Summer term and we will be having our early closure that day. Here is the time-table for staggered pick ups for that date.

Time	Group
1pm	YR parents collect from the field
1pm	Y5 G1 (Modular)
1.10pm	Y1 G2 (Side)
1.20pm	Y1 G1 (Side)
1.30pm	Y5 G2 (Modular)
1.40pm	Y6 G1 (Modular)
1.50pm	Y6 G2 (Modular)
1.50pm – 2pm	Key Worker Group

The school will be closed for a Summer break then for all groups. If you are in need of childcare, Donna Woollen who runs our Red Banana, Wrap around care provision is hoping to run activities over the break and will be happy to talk to you. You can reach her at [redbananaclub@outlook.com](mailto:redbananaclub@outlook.com)

## Some lovely examples of work from home:

Sparrow class have been creating information writing about 'Crustaceans' this week:

### Crustaceans

The Crustacea are a subphylum of arthropods with 67,000 described species. They are part of the phylum Arthropoda. Crustaceans include crabs, lobsters, crayfish, shrimp, krill and barnacles.



**Woodlice**

Woodlice may look like insects, but in fact they're crustaceans and are related to crabs and lobsters. It's thought there are about 3,500 species of woodlice in the world.

Woodlice are sometimes called pill bugs and slaters. The pill woodlouse gets its name because it can roll itself up into a ball. Woodlice like damp, dark places and can be found hiding in walls, under stones and in compost heaps.

#### Fun Facts!

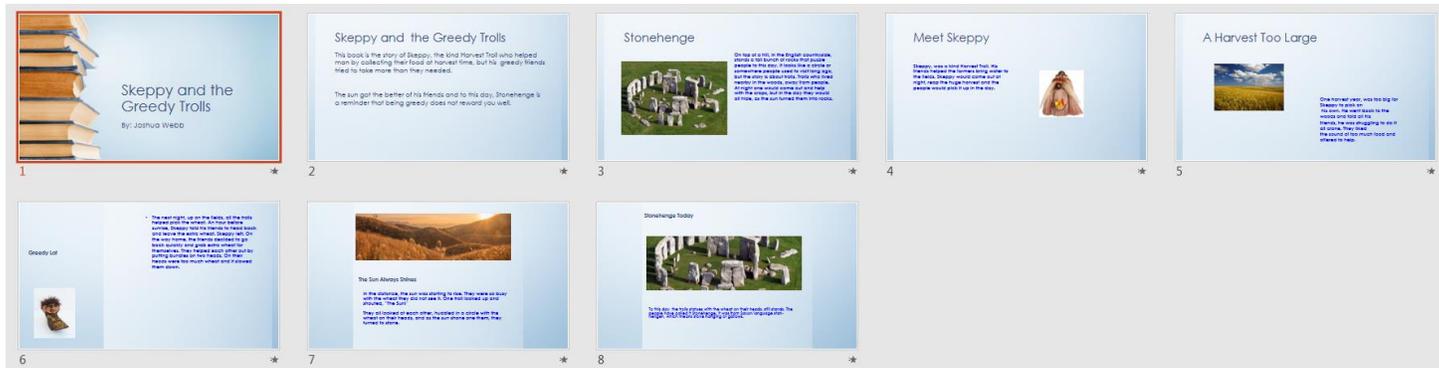
- A woodlice has 14 legs.
- An outer shell called an exoskeleton.
- When a woodlouse grows too big for its exoskeleton it has to moult to allow a new shell to take its place.
- Moulting takes place in two stages, first the back half is shed and a day or so later the front half falls off.



Most crustaceans live in the ocean. Some live in freshwater. Woodlice and a few crabs live on land. Prawns and shrimp swim freely in open water. Barnacles live attached to rocks, harbor walls, or the sides of ships.

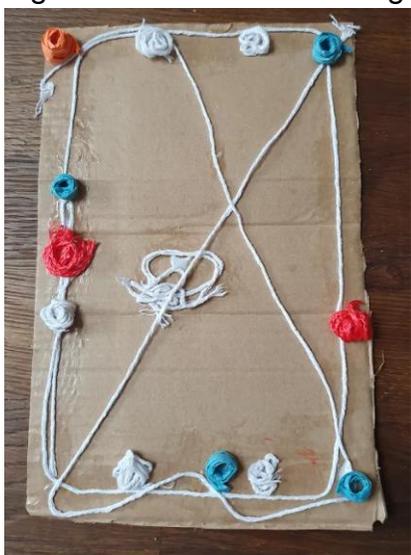


Parakeet Class have been writing some great stories:



There once lived a troll called Hillock. He was an ugly creature and he frightened humans. Because of that, he hid under the stick dens in the nearby oak trees on the Downs. Hillock was over 2 metres tall and had a big round hairy belly. He had a front tooth missing at the top and the rest of his teeth were yellow and sharp. He knew that if he ever got caught outside in the rain, he would be immediately turned into a big grassy mound, so he had to be sure what the weather was going to be like before he ever ventured out.

Lapwing Class have been making string prints as part of their art learning:



Please take care and keep safe. As ever, if you have any concerns or worries please phone the school and/or email. The office is open Monday to Friday on 01372 273639 and we are also available on email at: [info@vale.surrey.ch.uk](mailto:info@vale.surrey.ch.uk) or [head@vale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@vale.surrey.sch.uk) or [co-head@vale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:co-head@vale.surrey.sch.uk). We are working really hard to ensure that we are here to support you in anyway we can. Don't hesitate to get in touch.



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We just wanted to leave you with this image this week as many of us begin to adjust to new changes to how we live our everyday lives. This experience of Lockdown and the journey now as gradually restrictions are eased will have effected all of us as individuals and families in different ways. We will all have experienced loss in some form. This will effect how we and our children view and respond to the next steps and have impact on feelings and behaviour.



As a school community we want to ensure as we move forward, we keep our Vale Values at the heart of all we do to support the next steps of our journey. I have also attached this week a Resilience Calendar for July that you may find useful as a prompt.

Take care,  
**Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland**  
Co-Headteachers