

VALLIS FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

19th January 2024



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Next week

- ◆ Friday 26th January—Feel Good Friday— Firecrest Class
- ◆ 26th—28th January—RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch—spotting forms available from the office if you want to take part—Mrs Lucey will be taking part with some of our children on Friday 26th.

Looking ahead

- ◆ Tuesday 6th February—Safer Internet Day
- ◆ Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February—Half Term
- ◆ Wednesday 28th February—Headteacher's Afternoon Tea @2:15pm
- ◆ Thursday 14th March—whole school Science Morning
- ◆ Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March—Spring term Parent/Teacher meetings

Our planned TD Days for the remainder of this academic year are Monday 15th April 2024 and Monday 3rd June 2024. For term dates please see the [Somerset Council website](#).

School Uniform

To order uniform please go to the Cosmic Monkey website, click on Schoolwear and scroll down to our Vallis logo. Our core uniform is a sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece and a book bag with our school logo but Cosmic Monkey are able to offer a wider selection of items in our school colours as well. You can get items delivered to your home or to the school, or collect from the Cosmic Monkey premises on the Frome Flyer estate.

A reminder that for the winter children in KS2 may still go outside for PE so please do include a sweat-shirt/fleece and jogging bottoms in their PE kit.

Message from our Headteacher

It has been a very cold week but lovely to see the winter sun. The children are now well into their new topics and I have seen some great learning around the school this week. It has been lovely to see how so many of our children have progressed from the beginning of the year and also how proud they are of what they've achieved.

We have a number of after-school clubs running at the moment but we are always looking to expand these and offer a wider range of clubs - we are particularly keen on starting a choir. If you have any interests or ideas about a school club that you could potentially run with support from a member of staff, please let us know.

In last week's assembly, the children talked about their new topics for this term and it sounds like they have a really busy and exciting term of learning ahead. We also listened to Theo play a lovely piece for us on the piano.

I hope you all have a great weekend in what looks like slightly higher temperatures.

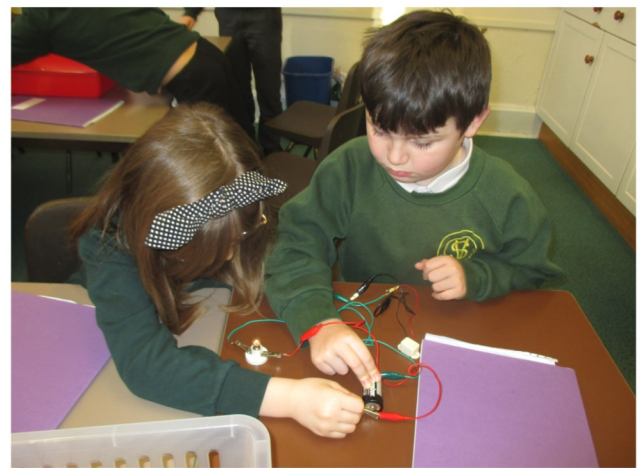
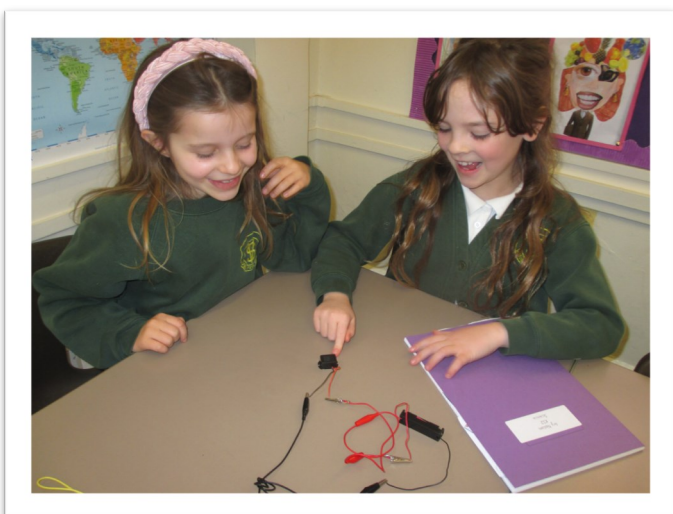
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It's Electric in Owl Class



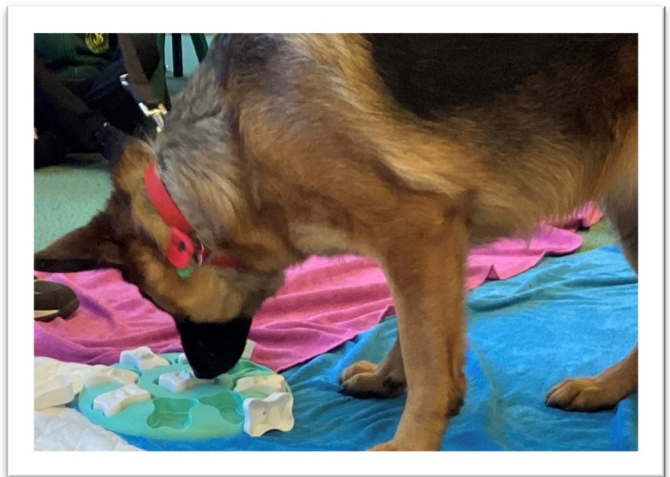
Owl class have been having lots of fun learning about Electricity in Science. The children have made made circuits to light bulbs and sound buzzers.

If you work with electricity in your job or know anybody that does and could spare some time to come in and speak to the children about what you do please let the office know—we would love to hear from you.



Cuteness overload in KS1

The Children in Year 1 and 2 have been learning about animals in their biology science lessons. Robin class and Skylark class have really enjoyed visits from Ann Swift (from Monksley) who brought German Shepherd puppies with her. These visits are really bringing our science learning in KS1 to life. The children learnt that dogs are mammals. They learnt about the needs of puppies and how dogs communicate their feelings. The children excitedly asked questions about puppies and older dogs. Goldfinch Class are looking forward to meeting the puppies next Friday.



VSA News

Feel Good Friday

The next Feel Good Friday will be for Firecrest Class on 26th January. The children can wear their own clothes in return for a donation to the class pot for extra treats and goodies.

Summer Fair

We are already looking forward to warmer days and starting to plan this year's Summer Fair which will take place on Saturday 15th June. If you have any ideas for a possible stall at the fair please let us know by emailing vallisvsa@gmail.com. Also, if you have any links to St John's Ambulance, Avon & Somerset Police, the Devon and Somerset Fire Brigade or any similar organisations that might be interested in attending please let us know using our email address above.



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What do I need to know?

- ✓ For beginners and more experienced learners alike.
- ✓ Zoom access required.
- ✓ *Please see our website for eligibility information.

Understanding Autism - Starter: Wednesday 10th – 24th January 2024
10:00am – 1:00pm | 3 Sessions

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Wednesday 21st February – 6th March | 10:00am – 1:00pm | 3 Sessions

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