



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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KST1 Phase Newsletter January 2025

Welcome to the Spring term!

A very big Happy New Year and Welcome back to school! It has been lovely to see all of your children arrive happy and healthy ready to start the year off and we cannot wait to get going. We would like to keep you up-to-date with expectations for this term.

Topics

As a Key Stage, we have worked hard to ensure that we provide a rich and stimulating curriculum, taught through our new and exciting topics. During Spring term, we will be covering the following topics, through a range of lessons and each year group will have a WOW experiences to look forward to.

These topics are as follows;

Year 1		Year 2	
Spring 1	Roar!	Spring 1 & Spring 2	London's Burning
Spring 2	New Beginnings		

P.E.

This term, P.E. has changed slightly for Year 2 children. They will now have P.E. on the following days.

Year 1	Year 2
Tuesday	Wednesday
Thursday	Thursday

Some of our lessons will be outside, weather permitting. Please remember that the weather can be very varied at this time of year, so layers are encouraged for the children to be comfortable in their lessons outside.

Reading

We continue to work hard on developing our skills for reading. We expect all children to read at least **4 times a week** with an adult signing their reading records. Remember, this is just 1 or 2 pages an evening, but the vital part is the discussion about the text and answering questions. A range of questions about the books your child is taking home, can be found at the back or front of the text. Our children are becoming fluent readers, however comprehension is the key to a child's understanding. When we read with your child, we will be looking for their understanding, by discussing the book they are reading.

Children will be assessed on their comprehension to determine when it is appropriate to move to the next level of book. As well as this, your child will continue to receive their Read, Write Inc book, which stems from their phonics lesson. Alongside this, please continue to share stories and books with your child at home. We also love to see that children are reading a range of home texts with their families.

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Hot Lunches

If your child requires a hot school meal, please ensure that you book this in via the School Gateway app before 6am on the day. If your child is to have a hot lunch but is not on the registered list, we will call you and you will be required to provide them with a packed lunch.

Snacks

KS1 children are all provided with a fruit or vegetable snack each day. If you would like to provide your child with your own snacks, you can, but it must only be a portion of fruit, vegetables or a healthy cereal bar.

Homework

Alongside daily reading, your child will have now received the homework grid for their year group. We would like you to pick one of these activities to do each weekend, over the next few weeks.

Achievement points and Subject points

We will be continuing to give achievement points to children who are demonstrating the Academy Values. Children have been working hard with bronze achievement badges already having been earned and some children are well on the way to their silver badges!

Children who have completed exemplary work or have shown determination can also be awarded subject points. These will get added up throughout the year and children will be awarded certificates when they reach bronze, silver and gold levels.

General

As the weather changes, please ensure that your child is wearing the appropriate clothing, such as sensible shoes and waterproof coat. As well as this, all children will need to bring in their own water bottle to ensure they maintain hydrated throughout the day. All items, including clothing must be labelled clearly with your child's name and class to make certain if misplaced, they can be returned to the correct child.

NO Nuts or Sesame

Please be aware that we are a nut free school. This means NO NUTS, SESAME OR NUT/SESAME PRODUCTS should be brought into school. We have staff and children in the school who will need hospital attention if they come into contact with nuts, sesame or nut/sesame products such as peanut butter, chocolate spread, hummus etc. We really appreciate your help in keeping everybody safe.

We hope that your child enjoys their Spring term in Key Stage 1. If you have any questions at all, please reach out to your child's teacher or email the school for support.

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