



Resilient Aspirational Courageous

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th March 2023

Message from Mrs Wright

What a strange week weather wise it has been; thank you all for your patience this week with the cold and snow and well done to those of you for getting into school yesterday!

For years 3 to 6, the children can access our online learning platform century. I know year groups are currently using this for maths homework but there are other subjects on there too.

We are really excited to announce our end of this half term's attendance reward is.... a disco! If you would like to attend, then please make sure your child's attendance is 97%+ for this half term.

It has been great to see so many of you at our parent/carer workshops and I know from the feedback, you have found them really useful. We have more planned and this will continue into the summer term too.

This week at Alder Moor Farm

Nursery

In Nursery this week we have continued reading stories about different types of families. The children have been talking about their Mums, Dads and siblings. Children have been drawing family members and making a surprise gift for their Mummies.

In Maths we have been learning the days of the week and are starting to use the words tomorrow, yesterday, after and before.

The children have also really enjoyed exploring the snow with some children experiencing it for the very first time!

Reception

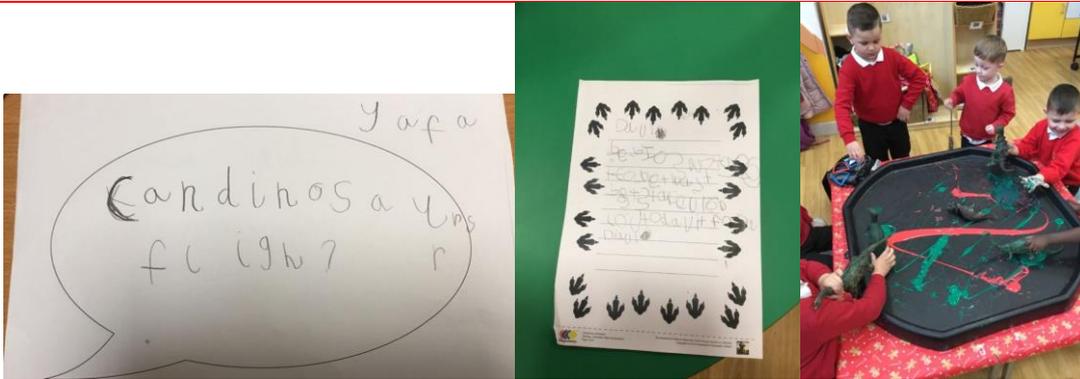
This week in maths we have been learning all about the number 7 including all the different ways 7 is made. In theme we have continued learning about dinosaurs using the words, `extinct`, `carnivore` and `herbivore` and learning their meanings. The children have also thought about questions to ask, to enable them to find out more information about dinosaurs. We also welcomed visits into Reception on Monday to look around our fantastic environment and how engaged our children are in their learning. They did us all proud!



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Year 1

We have really enjoyed our DT project week this week. We have been designing and making taxis to link with our theme 'Bright Lights, Big City'. The children have enjoyed learning new vocabulary such as wheels, chassis and axels. We looked at some existing toys with wheels before experimenting with different ways to make wheels move. Look on seesaw to see photographs of our learning journey.

Year 2

Year 2 have really enjoyed their DT project this week. Over the week, we have learnt about sewing and embellishment. The children worked hard to practise running stitch and embellishment techniques and have used these skills to create their own bag tags. They look great! The children showed resilience when learning a new skill which some of them found tricky and it was lovely to see them encouraging each other too.

Year 3

As we are reading our new book 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' we are getting more eager to know what would happen next in the story. This week we looked at online dictionaries to find the meanings of some vocabulary for our other book 'Jemmy Button'. We started to look at fractions on a number line with the same numerator and then challenged ourselves with different numerators. Parent/carer workshop on Thursday was a great success. It was very interesting to see how parents/carers were solving different equations using the methods shown to them during the workshop. Please log into Twitter to see lots of amazing photos.



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Year 4

It was another busy week for Year 4. In Maths, the children displayed great perseverance whilst learning about improper fractions, mixed numbers and fraction equivalencies. The staff were impressed with their resilience and effort. In English, we started looking at twisted narratives and tried to create our own unorthodox endings to traditional tales. This week, we began learning about rivers, which is the second part of our Theme topic. In Science, the children have been exploring food chains, identifying producers and consumers. We have also started doing our “Test my timetables” challenge – our focus times table for this fortnight is x6. It would be great if you could test your child’s knowledge of 6 times tables at home! In WCR we have just come to the part where the yetis are heading to England. We can’t wait to find out what they would think of it.

Year 5

This week, we started our new whole class reading book, ‘Cosmic.’ The children enjoyed the start of this story and are eager to read more. We have been continuing to learn about our Solar System in Science and learnt more about day and night on Earth. In Theme, we found out about Alexander the Great and discovered why he is Great. In English, the children took part in a role play activity to explore how a character from our story, The



Promise, was feeling and their motives for their actions.

Year 6



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This week, we have planned and written two substantial pieces of writing. The first was a diary entry based on our English book 'Shackleton's Journey'. We were able to choose which member of his crew to be and, from that person's perspective, recounted the events that led up to Endurance becoming stuck in pack ice. In Theme, we wrote a discussion text about Robert Falcon Scott's ill-fated expedition to the South Pole. We explored reasons why the expedition failed and what poor decisions he made, as well as what factors were out of his control.

Exciting news!

In December, Key Stage 2 entered a writing competition through Coventry Building Society. An opening statement was given to the children: 'I looked out of window and could not believe my eyes...' The pupils were tasked with using this sentence to write a story. This was a Coventry-wide competition, with hundreds of entries from schools across the city. We are delighted to announce that two Year 6 pupils from Alder Moor Farm were selected as winners. Qoyum won second place in the Year 6 category, and Kanivily won first place in the Year 6 category, and first in the overall competition. The two students attended an awards ceremony where they were presented with their certificates, took a tour of the CBS Arena and were given prizes which included books, tickets to the stadium, a kindle and vouchers. We are very proud of the both of them!



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Reading at Alder Moor

Accelerated Reader:

Well done to all of our readers, who have been working hard reading at home and passing tests using Accelerated Reader.

Our total word count, up to today: 80,376,064.

This is an amazing figure – well done! Thank you for your support with reading at home.

Word Millionaires

We are very proud to announce that we have four more Word Millionaires! Well done to Alisia (Year 5) and Tegan, Rutvi, Aliyah (Year 6).

This week's Accelerated Reader stars, who received certificates are:

Year 2 – Kohen and Rebeca (Ready Readers)



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Year 3 – Lasritha, Aleksandr, Yana, Maisie (Ready Readers), Stephanie, Aleksandr, Reeva (Independent Readers), Abdulmateen (Rising Reader)

Year 4 – Fatoumata (Independent Reader), Safiatou (Super Reader), Fredda (Star Reader)

Year 5 – Eryk (Ready Reader), Aymen(Rising Reader), Olivia, Soham, Nina, Chinelo (Super Readers), Soham, Wisam (Advanced Readers), Wisam (Star Reader)

Year 6 – Princewill, Imran, Tiana (Rising Readers), Aima (Advanced Reader), Ryan and Angeza (Star Readers), Samir and Makisims (Classic Readers)

OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
Arushan	6JC	659,721
Maksims	6JC	377,304
Kanivily	6RH	306,278
Boubacar	5KF	297,092
Fatmah	6JC	294,047

*These figures are for 17/02/23 - 09/03/23

OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
Arushan	6JC	6,095,480
Fatmah	6JC	3,646,270
Kanivily	6RH	3,144,943
Frances	6JC	2,630,779
Maksims	6JC	2,398,922

We are also proud of how many words have been read this week by each of our classes.

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
2ES	17,525
2HW	46,467
2EG	31,365
3TG	278,401
3RC	371,817
3SB	322,373
4NLJN	212,466
4YS	560,650
4OI	1,175,607
5TF	390,071
5KF	801,737
5SCNS	626,689



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6KJ	1,127,077
6JC	2,742,247
6RH	947,816

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Safeguarding and Well Being

As ever, we are here to help and support you and your children. Please contact one of the team if you have a safeguarding concern or query or if we can help you in any other way.

Please can you make sure that your contact details (phone numbers/emails etc) are up to date with the school office.

CRASAC workshop

CRASAC will be coming into school to deliver a series of workshops with Years 5/6 this term. These cover safe/unsafe touch and personal space and safe/unsafe secrets and support networks. All content has been carefully designed to be age-appropriate with lots of opportunity for discussion, debate, and creativity, as well as an introduction to services they can use to seek support.

Online safety

Our safeguarding experts have been made aware of a viral challenge circulating on TikTok using variations of the hashtag 'foopah'. Please see the link attached for more information - [Explicit images trend on TikTok](#)

Toy library

Alder Moor Farm will be setting up the toy library in the main school hall starting on the 21st March at 9am. This library gives the opportunity for all families to come and select a toy to borrow and take it home to enjoy. We look forward to seeing you.

Mrs Wright (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Pastoral Team: Miss Sutton & Mr O'Keefe

Alternatively, you can call the **NSPCC helpline 0800 800 5000**. Children and young people can call **Childline on 0800 1111**.

Attendance

Our Attendance Target: 97%
Our Attendance this week: 91.12%
Our Attendance to date: 91.99%

This week we have 2 'Golden Classes' with attendance at or above our target:

Mrs Gill: 97.6%

Miss Lapworth and Mrs Nagra: 99.3%



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Celebrations

Each week class teachers will choose a child in their class that consistently follows our rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe. Those chosen will have Hot Chocolate with Mrs Wright on Friday afternoon.

Hot chocolate Friday winners for this week are -

Reception: Joshua, Ava

Year 1: Archangel, Reeti and Aicha

Year 2: Kartel, Ramyar and Suhayb

Year 3: Harper, Abdul and Jaxon

Year 4: Alexander, Charlie and Ebrahima

Year 5: Tommy, Abi and Naylah

Year 6: Lola-Jayne, Esme and Bayan

We will have Hot chocolate 'Monday' next week!

Each week a child will also be chosen to be presented with a certificate. This week our focus was 'Aspirational'

Certificate winners for this week are -

Year 1: Huda, Noel and Ahmed

Year 2: Mark, Joyce and Dan

Year 3: Avram, Israel and Alex

Year 4: Yusuf, Bethel and Aaliyah

Year 5: Hibba, Karina and Lukasz

Year 6: Mohammed, Evie, Emma-Caylin

Events

Monday 13th March - 2.00 Reception Maths Workshop



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Wednesday 22nd March to Friday 24th March - Year 4 Residential

Monday 27th March - Year 6 Science Museum trip to London

Wednesday 29th March to Friday 31st March - Year 5 Residential

Thursday 30th March – Year 2 SATs parent workshop

Thursday 30th March - 'Decorate an Egg' Entries due in KS2

Friday 31st March – Easter Bonnet Parade for Early Years and KS1

Diary Dates

Spring Term 2

Ends on Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 1

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May 2023

Summer Term 2

Monday 5th June – Tuesday 25th July 2023

Summer holidays start Wednesday 26th July 2023