



Resilient Aspirational Courageous

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2023

Message from Mrs Wright

What a wonderful week here at Alder Moor Farm. Our fantastic Ofsted report is now live [Alder Moor Farm Primary School - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted](#) Read below to find out all of the exciting things that have been happening this week.

Today has seen the launch of Times Table Rockstars with some amazing outfits! We also have some things exciting next week when Alder Moor Farm is going to be on the radio!

Exciting news – Alder Moor Farm on air!



Breaking news! Next week, our local radio station BBC CWR will feature Alder Moor Farm on Star School! This means that on Monday, a reporter will come in to talk to children and staff about some of the activities we enjoy. Mrs Wright will talk live on air at **7.40am** and some Year 5 children will talk live at **8.40am**. Other recordings will be made during the day, and these will air on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at **8.25am**. If you miss those broadcasts, everything will be available on BBC Sounds. If you would like to send in a message about our school, use WhatsApp, adding the number **08000 321 333** as a contact and start every message you send with CWR and Star School, mentioning Alder Moor Farm, your name and your child's class. We hope you enjoy listening to the broadcasts!

This week at Alder Moor Farm

Nursery

The Nursery children have settled well into our routine and have been enjoying all the fun activities on offer. This week we have been singing 'Old McDonald had a farm.' We have been learning the names and sounds of farm animals. Later in the week we introduced a crocodile, a spider, a sloth, a flamingo and many more. It was a very funny farm.

Reception



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Well done to all the children who have completed their first full week. The children have been busy setting into their daily routines, and we are all immensely proud of them. This week they began phonics lessons, learning how to say and write the sounds m, a, s, d, and t. We have also begun our maths and Theme lessons. Please can you remember to send your children in next week with family photos for them to share with their class. Please remember **Reception PE day is a Thursday** and children can attend school in their PE kits.

Year 1

We have been doing some incredible partner work in Maths this week. We have explored doubling and halving and the children have impressed us with their growing ability to explain their thinking using mathematical terms such as parts and wholes. In Music we have begun to learn about rhythm by clapping the pattern of our names and singing about our favourite foods. Please remember to write in your child's planner when they have read at home and send planners and books in every day. The children will be reading their books first thing every morning, so it will really help us if you remind them to take them out of their bags as they come into school. Thanks for your support.

Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed their PE lessons this week where they practised balancing and jumping. We started to read our reading spine book 'The Colour Monster' and the children have loved it so far! They want to keep reading and cannot wait to find out what happens next. In science, we went on a material hunt around school to see what we could find. The children asked great questions and explained the uses of different materials. It has been a busy week getting used to lots of new lessons and routines in Year 2. The children have continued to amaze us with their attitude and effort!

Year 3

In Year 3 we have had an amazing week. Children really enjoyed their first Spanish and Music lesson. Hillman class started swimming lessons, and I am proud to say that the children were brilliant at walking to and from Allen Higgs. In Art, we compared the work of two different artists. Children are thoroughly enjoying their reading book and surprising us with their fabulous understanding. Children are getting used to the Year 3 routines and showing their resilience all the time. Well Done Year 3 superstars!

Year 4

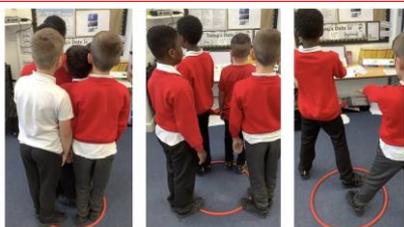
In Year 4 this week we have been busy practising rounding skills in Maths lessons by rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. In English, we have been focusing on using fronted adverbials and similes in our writing. In our Geography lessons, we were finding out about the longest rivers in the world and researching these using an atlases and iPads. In science lessons, we were finding out about states of matter. To help us understand this further, we had fun acting out being the particles in solids, liquids and gases before drawing and explaining the properties of each state.



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Solids

Liquids

Gases

Year 5

Year 5 have had a rather busy week. In Maths, we have moved onto 6-digit numbers and children have impressed us with the resilience whilst learning to compare, order and round them. In English, we began exploring the setting description toolkit, identifying alliterative phrases, similes and effective vocabulary. During the science lesson, the children learned about the difference between mass and weight; they had great fun measuring classroom objects in both grams and newtons. We were very pleased with how well the whole year group settled into their reading routines and how excited the children are about discovering new books



and authors. Well done, Year 5!

Year 6

Year 6 have completed some tests this week and their attitude has been impressive. They have worked hard throughout the week and displayed resilience through some difficult assessments. In English, we have continued with Rose Blanche and have written a description around the forest, Rose herself and the sights she witnesses. In Humanities, we looked at the causes of World War Two and realised that there were a lot of factors that contributed towards war.

Riley Class

Riley class have had a fantastic second week to the term. I have been so impressed by their resilience to complete learning tasks. In Maths we have been learning about increasing and decreasing numbers. Our new story is A River by Marc Martin. We have been introduced to circular stories – these are stories which begin and end at the same point. We have not only found the story Colour Monster in our Reading sessions but also in our Forest school lesson. We really enjoyed making slime in the same colours as the colour monsters.

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 Thursday 14th September:

3,211,362.



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This is an amazing figure and represents a fantastic start for our children's reading journey this year. Thank you for your support with reading at home.

OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
YEAR 2		
Khalid	2ES	9,488
Ekvir	2ES	6,958
Shreya	2ES	4,791
YEAR 3		
Adorable	3TG	60,577
Idris	3TG	7,568
Zion	3TG	3,971
YEAR 4		
Zoe	4EG	35,841
Jaweriyah	4YS	18,410
Stefan	4ZE	16,476
YEAR 5		
Marley	5HH	210,991
Isla	5HH	113,802
Amelia	5NS	44,656
YEAR 6		
Henry	6JC	193,736
Alisia	6KJ	174,132
Olivia	6RH	169,441

*These figures are for 05/09/2023 - 14/09/2023

OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
Marley	5HH	210,991
Henry	6JC	193,736
Alisia	6KJ	174,132
Olivia	6RH	169,441
Hibba	6RH	135,431

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

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
2ES	25,366



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2HW	10,533
2LC	8,600
3MR	6,432
3TG	76,658
3ZS	11,184
4EG	81,676
4YS	18,410
4ZE	67,562
5HH	470,500
5OI	162,344
5NS	152,695
6KJ	709,975
6JC	920,537
6RH	458,137

*These figures are for 05/09/2023 - 14/09/2023

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.

Contact details

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

Solihull Approach parenting course

'Understanding your child' is the core parenting course for parents with children aged 6 months to 19 years. It is also available in a version for parents with children with additional needs. For more information, please see the link below:

<https://solihullapproachparenting.com>

Wellbeing

Cosmic Kids Yoga – is a great tool to help relax children. Youtube have many clips that children can watch and join in the activities.

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**.



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Attendance and punctuality

Our Attendance Target: 95%
Our Attendance this week: 92.36
Our Attendance to date: 90.73

Please do all that you can to ensure that your child misses no more than 5 days of school for any reason.

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: Rielle-Renee, Somansh, Sumayya

Year 1: Ishank, Joshua, Zuzanna

Year 2: Khalid, Michaela, Matei

Year 3: Harrison, Rebeca, Ioan

Year 4: Lulua, Alex, Victor

Year 5: Madalina, Amelia, Livia

Year 6: Boubacar, Ling, Soham

Riley Class: Jamie

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

Certificate winners for this week are -

Year 1: Darius, Kouhei, Mofe

Year 2: Theo, Aarun, Ziyen

Year 3: T'Aire, Sanabel, Amity

Year 4: Abdul, Jaxon, Zach

Year 5: Shakoor, Lyla-Mae, Dainton-Jay



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Year 6: Artjoms, Akeelah, Amelia

Riley Class: Diya

Events

On 22nd September, we have Jeans for Genes Day. The children can come into school wearing jeans. Children must still wear the Alder Moor Farm jumper/cardigan but they may wear trainers if they wish.

Please bring 50p for a donation to help families and children affected by genetic disorders. Also, if you have a pair of old jeans, please bring them to school and we'll take them to a local charity shop that our Student Leaders will choose.



Diary Dates

Thursday 21st September, 9am – Reception parent/carer workshop

Friday 22nd September – Jeans for Genes day - wear jeans with usual school jumper

Monday 25th September, 9am – Reception Phonics Parent/carer Workshop

Tuesday 26th September, 9am – Behaviour Parent Workshop

Wednesday 27th September, 2:30pm – Year 1 Parent/carer Phonics Workshop

Thursday 28th September, 9am – Online Safety Workshop for families

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th October – Early Bird Week

Wednesday 4th October- Year 4 local area visit

Monday 9th October – Black History Day Tuesday 10th October – World Mental Health Day 2:30pm Year 6 parents SATs workshop

Monday 16th – Friday 20th October – Recycle Week

Monday 16th October, 2:30pm – Year 1 Parent/carer Reading Workshop

Tuesday 17th October, 2:30pm – Year 2 Parent/carer Reading Workshop

Wednesday 18th October, 2:30pm – Year 3 Parent/carer Reading Workshop

Thursday 19th October, 2:30pm – Year 4 Parent/carer Reading Workshop

Friday 20th October, 2:30pm – Year 5 Parent/carer Reading Workshop

Monday 23rd October, 2:30pm – Nursery Parent/carer Reading Workshop



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