



Resilient Aspirational Courageous

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023

Message from Mrs Wright

What a fantastic week it has been at Alder Moor Farm! The weather may have been wet but it certainly hasn't dampened our spirits at school. We have seen an improvement in attendance which has been brilliant! Thank you for continuing to support us with this. There are many exciting events happening at school next week, including Rock Kidz for KS2, science investigations and an art competition. We look forward to seeing you all at parents/carers evening on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Please pop into the hall before or after your appointment with the class teachers as there will be a variety of stalls with different information displayed. Refreshments will also be served. Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Events next week:

Day	Events
Monday	3:00 Toy Library – Studio all years
Tuesday	Rock kidz in school
Wednesday	3:30-5:30 Parents Evening
Thursday	3:30-5:30 Parents Evening Children break up today
Friday	Inset day – school closed to all children

This week at Alder Moor Farm

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been learning the story of The Little Red Hen. The children have been joining in with the words and actions. In the story the little red hen bakes some bread so we have baked bread this week in Nursery. The children all had a turn at mixing the dough, kneading the dough and rolling the dough into



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bread rolls. The nursery was filled with the smell of baking bread. They of course then all got to taste it. Delicious!

Reception

In Reception this week we have been learning all about the numbers 1,2, and 3 and helping the mice find their socks with either 1,2 or 3 pieces of cheese inside. In Theme we have been learning all about Harvest, why people celebrate Harvest and saying thank you for the food we eat. Don't forget we are collecting food to donate to the Foodbank on our visit to St Catherines on Tuesday. Children have also been exploring pumpkins, making pumpkin pies in the mud kitchen, creating Autumn garlands and making Leaf men. Well done to all our children who have started in different phonics groups this week, with different adults.



Year 1

This week Year 1 have been busy preparing to write a letter from a missing robot! We have role played asking the robot questions using question words and written descriptions of the robot for a poster. In Maths we have been learning about the relationship between addition and subtraction and have been really impressed with the children's quick calculation skills. During our Theme lesson we found out how to make a family tree; several children enjoyed making their own and sharing/continuing them with family at home. Now that the weather is getting colder, please make sure that all items of clothing including hats and gloves are named – this really helps when items are lost. Thank you!

Year 2

In Year 2 this week, we started a new maths unit learning about length. The children have estimated and measured different objects using metres and centimetres. They have used rulers and metre sticks carefully to make sure their measurements were accurate. In English lessons, we collected vocabulary to describe a waterfall. The children have loved using new vocabulary such as 'perilous' and 'thunderous'. In art, the children drew leaves using wax crayons then washed over it with paint to create beautiful wax resists.

Year 3

In Year 3, we have been very busy this week. In Maths, we continued learning about graphs and in English we continued to write a threat narrative. We are near the end of the term and some of our themes are coming to



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an end too. Children were great at evaluating their artwork. They were very critical about their work and were giving sensible suggestions on how to improve their work next time. We went on a trip to a Sikh temple. All the children were well behaved and made the Alder Moor Family very proud. Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to attend the Reading Workshop. Thank you for your valuable feedback. In the workshop we spoke about how reading is important in a child's learning journey. Thank you again to all the parents who are reading with their child every day and sending the planner to school.

Year 4

It has been another busy week in Year 4. In Maths, we have been learning how to multiply and divide by 10 and 100. In English, we finally finished writing our newspaper reports about a marine creature. Teachers were blown away by the children's pieces of writing homework (about falling leaves) and are really looking forward to reading our next piece of homework about flying pigs! We enjoyed creating posters of the water cycle in Geography and illustrating the Jabberwocky poem in Art. Thank you to those parents/carers who attended the Reading Workshop and who support their child to read and sign their planner daily.



Year 5

Year 5 had the most engaging Theme lesson, investigating how bronze tools were made in Shang Dynasty by melting and moulding chocolate. Great fun was had by both children and adults. In Maths, we began looking at timetables and learning how to work the duration of events, the start and the finish time, using number lines. It is a very important life skill, and the children impressed us with their perseverance to master it. In English, we re-visited the features of a formal letter in preparation for writing our own next week. The children began reading our new class book, Skellig by David Almond and are enjoying learning more and more about the mysterious creature in the garage. What could it be? We are looking forward to seeing parents and carers at the parent meetings which will be taking place on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Please, remember to book your appointment online.

Year 6



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Year 6 have revisited fractions this week, for the first time since Year 5, and have studied equivalent fractions, how to compare fractions and order fractions. The work has relied on knowing factors and multiples of numbers and it has been challenging at times, but we have found that fractions are fun.

In English, the children have written their final piece of writing for the books Rose Blanche and Anne Frank. They have used their knowledge of Anne Frank's life to write a diary entry of a character from Rose Blanche. There have been some lovely pieces.

We learnt how to stay we study a particular subject, on a certain day, at a given time in Spanish. Please ask your children. The pronunciation was 'excelente'!

Riley Class

Riley class have had a fantastic week. In Maths we have been learning about standard and non-standard measure. In Writing we have been using alliteration when describing the Jungle in our story. In Forest school the children made a calm monster using fabric. In Science the children have really blown us away with their materials knowledge. The children were able to identify the shapes of materials and whether they could bend, twist or squish it.

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: 18,079,992.

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

Word Millionaires

Fantastic news this week. We have our first two Word Millionaires for this year – **Henry** from **6JC** and **Olivia** from **6RH**. Well done!

OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
YEAR 2		
Shreya	2ES	16,610
Ekvir	2ES	14,695
Khalid	2ES	10,966



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YEAR 3		
Adorable	3TG	9,387
Hamza	3MR	5,721
Sanabel	3TG	4,268
YEAR 4		
Zoe	4EG	74,963
Eknoor	4ZE	70,310
Jesse	4YS	70,180
YEAR 5		
Isla	5HH	73,419
Safiatou	5OI	67,755
Madalina	5HH	61,033
YEAR 6		
Boubacar	6JC	262,041
Henry	6JC	176,223
Wisam	6JC	164,529

*These figures are for 13/10/23-19/10/23

OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
Henry	6JC	1,009,117
Olivia	6RH	1,008,722
Boubacar	6JC	855,434
James	6JC	612,400
John	6JC	540,102

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

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
2ES	49,130
2HW	22,035
2LC	11,409
3MR	13,320
3TG	17,124
3ZS	10,233
4EG	134,336
4YS	94,120
4ZE	101,288
5HH	234,453



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5OI	242,671
5NS	46,459
6KJ	606,285
6JC	1,345,438
6RH	487,912

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Times Tables and Number Facts

Each week will shall be celebrating the work that children have done on 'Times Tables Rock Stars' (TTRS) and Numbots.

This week's winners with the **most correct answers**:

Year 1: Omar, David, Alia

Year 2: Chiemerie, Shreya, Ella-Mai

Year 3: Widad, Mark, Maanvi

Year 4: Azeez, Harini, Mandoor

Year 5: Alisa, Seren, Fredda

Year 6: Ling, Izabela-Maria, Alisia

This week's winners for the **highest number of minutes played**:

Year 1: Omar, Ariel, Aila

Year 2: Chiemerie, Ella-Mai, Shreya

Year 3: Widad, Mark, Saatatya



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Year 4: Azeez, Harini, Israel

Year 5: Alisa, Seren, Isla

Year 6: Ling, Izabela-Maria, Anastazja

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.

Kids eat free-October half term

Please see the link below:

[Places Kids Eat Free in School Holidays & Half Terms 2023 \(moneysavingcentral.co.uk\)](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/places-kids-eat-free-in-school-holidays-half-terms-2023)

Parent/carer courses

Supporting the wellbeing of children has never been so important. To assist you in doing this, please see the free parental resources below:

To make these available to parents, simply place these two links on your website:

- [Child Mental Health & Wellbeing - 10 Top Tips for Parents](#)
- [Parents' Mental Health & Wellbeing - 10 Top Tips for Parents](#)



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INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

V1.0

FREE ONLINE workshop for parents and carers to help keep their **children safe online**. Hosted by West Midlands Police in partnership with Coventry City Council's Prevent Team.

We will share **guidance and strategies** on how to make the internet a safer experience for children.

The following topics will be explored:

- *Apps and appropriate ages*
- *Safety settings*
- *Grooming, sexting, bullying, radicalisation and extremism*
- *Gaming*
- *Introducing house rules*
- *How to approach conversations and what to do if your child is a victim*

To view dates and times and to book a place, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code above



Mrs Wright (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Pastoral Team: Miss Sutton & Mr O'Keefe

Alternatively, you can call the **NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000**. Children and young people can call **Childline on 0800 1111**.

Attendance

Our Attendance Target: 95%

Our Attendance this week: %

Our Attendance to date: %

Remember, no more than 5 days off school for any reason. If you have issues getting to school or need support, please contact Mr Allie or Miss Sutton.



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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 -

Year 1: Marina, Mina, Yafa

Year 2: Merlin, Emilee, Mario

Year 3: Widad, Thaarun, Ramyar

Year 4: Liam, Grace, Jacob

Year 5: Alisa, Malaz, Fredrica

Year 6: Lexi, Ekjot, Ahmad

Riley Class: Elysa

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: Miyah, Obai, Abrar

Year 2: Ekvir, Noumaan, Nifat

Year 3: Raghav, Folarin, Nakylah

Year 4: Sophia-Rose, Jesse, Renwa

Year 5: Antonio, Angel, Kavisha

Year 6: David, Yassin, Hisham

Riley Class: Joban

Diary Dates



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

Tuesday 24th October – Rock Kidz for KS2

Wednesday 25th October – Parents' Evening

Thursday 26th October – Parents' Evening

Friday 27th October – Inset Day – school closed for all children

Monday 6th November – Flu Vaccinations

Friday 10th November- Individual and Sibling photographs