



Resilient Aspirational Courageous

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2023

Message from Mrs Wright

What a fabulous first week back we have had at Alder Moor Farm! The children have come back refreshed and have settled back into the school routine. It was lovely to welcome so many families to our Early Years open morning this week. We have another session on Tuesday 14th November at 4pm so please encourage anyone you know, who is looking for a Reception or Nursery place, to come and see our excellent provision. Attendance continues to improve. Thank you for all your support in getting your children to school on time. This means your child is ready to learn and is here to take part in all the exciting activities and lessons that take place. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday!

Events next week:

Day	Events
Monday	Key Stage One DT week Football Match v Christ the King
Tuesday	TTRS England Rocks Competition Year 6 – World War 2 Coventry Visit 4pm - EYFS Open Evening for new families joining in September 2024
Wednesday	TTRS England Rocks Competition
Thursday	Year 3 -Skint2Mint Money Workshops
Friday	3:05pm – Cake Sale for Children in Need

This week at Alder Moor Farm

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been learning about the upcoming Hindu festival of Diwali. We have been thinking about other festivals where we light candles such as birthdays, halloween and bonfire night. We have listened to the story of Rama and Sita and learned how they were guided home by light in windows and in the streets. We have been learning about how families celebrate together by hanging up lights, lighting diva lamps and creating colourful rangoli patterns on the floor. We created our own rangoli pattern together in Nursery.



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Reception

This week some of our children have moved into new phonics groups and we are all extremely proud of how hard they are working to learn all their sounds. Please support your child to orally blend at home as this will help them on their reading journey. This means saying the sounds in a word for example c-a-t and your child being able to tell you that the word is cat. In theme this week we have been learning all about celebrations. We have talked about Diwali, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day. During our whole class reading sessions we have begun to read the book "You Can't Take an Elephant on the Bus".



Year 1

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school after half term. Now they are settled into Year 1, we have adapted our timetable to incorporate slightly longer Maths and English lessons. We have been so impressed with how the children embraced the change and they are really showing us what incredible learners they are. In English we began our new text, Rapunzel by Bethan Woollvin. The children loved finding out that Rapunzel doesn't need any help to escape the tower but has a cunning plan herself! They enjoyed making towers out of spaghetti and blu tack and writing speech bubbles to show what Rapunzel might be saying. In Maths we explored repeating patterns – perhaps you can look together at home to spot any around the house? Next week is our DT week and we will be designing and building shelters. For this we will need lots of junk modelling, so any donations of cardboard boxes, plastic bottles etc will be gratefully received.



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Year 2

We have had a wonderful start to the new half term! Earlier in the week, we looked at some interesting clues including a hat, walking stick and gardening tools to try to work out who the characters in our new book might be. We have now seen some pictures from the book *The Night Gardener* and are excited to read it and find out more about the story! In maths, the children have amazed us with their understanding of graphs. We created and answered questions about tables, pictograms, block diagrams and tally charts. In PE, we started our gymnastics unit and tried different balances and jumps. We can't wait for all our gymnastics lessons this term!

Year 3

In Year 3, children came back with lots of enthusiasm and energy. They looked ready to learn! We began to read a new book called 'Charlotte's Web' by E. B. White. In D&T, we enjoyed learning about different types of food groups and cooked tacos. Children learnt how to peel and chop different vegetables. In English, we read a new book called 'Fox' by Margaret Wild. We will use this book as our vehicle text in our English lessons this term.

Year 4

How brilliant it is to be back, especially as this week has been Design and Technology week! We have been learning about the famous designer William Morris. Inspired by his motifs, we have been working hard with funky fabrics to develop the skills of tracing designs, printing with stamps and sewing simple stitches. A new half term also means new books! In Whole Class Reading, we were introduced to our new novel, *The Legend of Podkin One-Ear*. Hooked by the map at the start of the book, we challenged ourselves to create fantasy maps of our own. In English, we were shown snippets of another book, *Leaf*. We weren't too sure why a polar bear was found in the heart of the forest, but we water-coloured leaves to recreate a giant version of a beautiful polar bear illustration for our classroom. We've certainly enjoyed expressing our creativity this week!





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Year 5

It was lovely to welcome children back to school on Monday! They returned full of energy and ready to learn. What a better way to begin the half term than by immersing into Design and Technology Week. After exploring pneumatic mechanisms, the children have designed and built their pneumatic toys, impressing us with their creativity and problem-solving skills. In Whole Class Reading, we have delved into adventures of Micheal, reading about his encounters with the mysterious creature in the book Skellig by David Almond. We have been working at our inference and summary skills. In Maths, we have been practising multiplying and dividing by powers of 10. Please remember that children have related homework set on Century to support their maths skills. In English, we were very excited to start our new unit, based on Apollo 11. We began learning about first lunar landing and the challenges encountered by the astronauts. Both children and adults in Year 5 are looking to the exciting weeks ahead!



Year 6

After a week's rest, Year 6 have had an excellent first week back at school. In maths, we have learnt about shapes and the internal sum of angles. It has been quite difficult at times, but we have persevered and displayed excellent resilience. We also began 'A Story like the Wind'. It is our new book for English and is a wonderful story about refugees and their journey across the seas. It is a magical tale, tinged with sadness, and the children thoroughly enjoyed listening to the story.

For DT week, we looked at sewing and learnt three stitches: running, whip and blanket. The children demonstrated excellent patience and worked very hard to 'Make Do and Mend'! Thank you for the donations of clothes; each one was greatly appreciated!



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Riley Class

Well, what a fantastic start to Autumn 2! Riley class have settled back into their routines and have been curious about their new learning. In Maths we have been looking at statistics and analysing graphs. We really enjoyed pictograms and asking our friends their favourite foods. We discovered some items in our classroom this week. There were gardening gloves, an overgrown plant and some garden tools. We think it is linked to our stories The Night Gardener and The Leaf Thief but we will have to wait and see....

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: 31,127,751.

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

Word Millionaires

Fantastic news this week. We have two more Word Millionaires for this year – **Boubacar** and **James** from **6JC**. Well done!

This week's Accelerated Reader stars, who are receiving certificates are –

YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5		YEAR 6	
Khalid	Dola	Abdul	Safaa	Yusuf	Mozeedah	Henry
Charlie	Adorable	Zoe	Shayon	Safiatou	Hummam	Wisam
Shreya	Rebeca	Leah	Madalina	Fatoumata	Dragos	Boubacar
Ekvir	Idris	Aleksandr	Harrison	Xander	Aymen	Tawseef
Nimrod	Sisakna	Abdulmateen	Isla	Seren	Izabela	Riley
Farrahah	Sanabel	Fatihah	Sofia	Frederica	Alisia	Lexi
Rayyan	Arav	Jaweriyah	Marley	Brooklyn	Fatima	Haneen
Daniel		Jesse	Ibrahim	Amelia	Ling	Hamda
Cristian		Reeva	Kendrick	Hasan	Ayesha	Lukasz
Oly		Omar	Riyashri	Joseph	Ekjot	Yasar
Reeti		Eknoor	Alex	Temitayo	Shaylan	Muhammed
Evelina		Azeez	Sejal	Ann	Jonny	Alicia
Obay		Freddie	Milo	Ria	Yassin	Lucy
ibrahim		Diamond	Riches	Zara	Hajra	Abi
		Imadudin	Grace	Suheb	George	Milana
		Artur	Amelia	Livia	Akeelah	Milosz
		Jaxon	Nafisa	Saeed	Naylah	Amelia
		Tania	Bethel	Ali	Denniss	Jayden



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		Zach	Fredda	Dainton Ekaa Raevyn	Kais Soham Paris Nida Favour Amarachi Tommy Aradhyan Mayo	John Issa Divine James Nina Hisham Mlak Sasha Hibba Olivia
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OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
YEAR 2		
Shreya	2ES	30,327
Ekvir	2ES	19,527
Olly	2HW	18,550
YEAR 3		
Sanabel	3TG	78,151
Idris	3TG	41,536
Dola	3MR	28,021
YEAR 4		
Stephanie	4EG	85,661
Eknoor	4ZE	82,423
Zoe	4EG	75,432
YEAR 5		
Fredda	5NS	198,314
Madalina	5HH	97,123
Seren	5OI	79,478
YEAR 6		
James	6JC	606,285
Boubacar	6JC	594,120
Nina	6JC	367,888

*These figures are for 20/10/23 - 08/11/23

OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
Boubacar	6JC	1,449,554
Henry	6JC	1,365,067



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Olivia	6RH	1,330,706
James	6JC	1,218,685
Wisam	6JC	857,177

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

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
2ES	83,449
2HW	52,881
2LC	33,927
3MR	52,000
3TG	159,314
3ZS	22,171
4EG	563,502
4YS	345,277
4ZE	143,778
5HH	423,702
5OI	463,282
5NS	342,052
6KJ	2,597,646
6JC	4,821,321
6RH	2,557,351

*These figures are for 20/10/23 - 08/11/23

Times Tables and Number Facts

Each week, we 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: Ouais, David, Ariel

Year 2: Chiemerie, Rayyan, Obay

Year 3: Ilie, Dola, Saatatya

Year 4: Zach, Azeez, Abdurzk



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Year 5: Fatoumata, Fredda, Shayon

Year 6: Charley, Hajra, Yasar

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

Year 1: Ouais, David, Omar

Year 2: Chiemerie, Obay, Rayyan

Year 3: Ilie, Dola, Saatatya

Year 4: Zach, Azeez, Zohra

Year 5: Fredda, Shayon, Isla

Year 6: Charley, Yasar, Hajra

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.

School nurse workshops

Please see the below links to free parental workshops. These workshops are set by the school nursing team.

Toileting Sessions <https://forms.office.com/r/TeGKvc23FV>

Sleep Sessions <https://forms.office.com/r/BqV2PvLEWU>

Understanding Anxiety Sessions <https://forms.office.com/r/EJEpYuFMwF>

Challenges in Eating Sessions <https://forms.office.com/r/mHcBLCW5JT>

Challenges in Behaviour Sessions <https://forms.office.com/r/nzcpmvnCsU>

Online safety



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Skips Safety Net Keeping children safe online

Parent Guides to Online Safety

THINK before you send!

You think you're sharing a funny picture with a friend...

...but your Mum could see it

...but your Gran could see it

...but your neighbour could see it

...but a stranger could see it

...but a burglar could see it

...but a policeman could see it

...but your classmates could see it

...but your teacher could see it

Anyone in the world could see your butt!

scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

If you share it, you are involved
If you have, or forward an indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with

- Home Office
- West Midlands Police Reduction Unit
- West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

Skips www.skipssafetynet.org

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



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Our Attendance Target: 95%
Our Attendance this week: 95.7%
Our Attendance to date: 93.8%

We have met the attendance target for this week! Well done everyone for doing your part. Can we do the same next week?

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,

As we are approaching the later autumn and winter season, it might be tricky to know if you should bring your child to school if they're feeling a little under the weather. If you're in doubt, please contact the school office.

Sports News

This week: On Tuesday our Year 5 Dodgeball team took part in a competition against 23 other schools from Coventry East. We won the competition and as a result we will now represent Coventry East against schools from Warwickshire and Solihull on December 6th.

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: Agambir, Ire

Year 1: Swasthik, Vinnie, Harry

Year 2: Stefania, Olly, Abdullah

Year 3: Kimberly, Darcie, Hunida

Year 4: Adeline, Alina, Omar

Year 5: Marley, Sejal, Zara



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Year 6: Wisam, Mozeedah, Elisabeta

Riley Class: Jamie

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

Certificate winners for this week are -

Year 1: Rozy, Khadija, Reid

Year 2: Isabella-Rose, Diego, Esaa

Year 3: Muni, Asmar, Jessica

Year 4: Elinathan, Mikel, Nathanael

Year 5: Ibrahim, Malaz, Kavinayaa

Year 6: Ayaan, Jodi, Benjamin

Riley Class: David

Events

It is the BBC's Children in Need on Friday 17th November and we are excited to play our part and raise money. Children are still required to wear their full uniform.

At the end of the day, we will hold a cake sale in the studio like we held for a previous charity event. Donations of cakes would be greatly welcomed for our cake sale.

Gates will open at 3:05pm for you to have a browse and buy some cake ready for children to leave lessons at 3:10pm.



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Diary Dates

17th November, 3:05pm – Children in Need Cake Sale

13th – 17th November - Anti-Bullying Week

20th November, 2:30pm – Year 1 Writing Workshop

21st November, 2:30pm – Year 2 Writing Workshop

23rd November, 9am – Year 3 Writing Workshop

23rd November, 2:30pm – Year 4 Writing Workshop

27th November, 2:30pm – Year 5 Writing Workshop

28th November, 2:30pm – Year 6 Writing Workshop

30th November, PM - EYFS at Warwick Arts Centre (The Gruffalo)

1st December – Inset day (Children not at school)

4th December, PM – Year 1 and 2 Warwick Arts Centre (The Gruffalo)

14th December, Year 3, 4,5 and 6 - Albany Theatre (Oliver Twist)

13th December, 9:15am - Reception Christmas Performance

15th December, 11am - Nursery Christmas Performance

15th December, 2:40pm – Nursery Christmas Performance

19th December, 9:15am - Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance

19th December, 2:15pm - Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance

20th December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day



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21st December, 9:15am – End-of-term badge assembly
21st December – Final day of term for the winter holidays
22nd December – Inset day (Children not at school)
8th January 2024 – Children return to school