



Resilient Aspirational Courageous

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2024

Message from Mrs Wright

What a fantastic week it has been at Alder Moor Farm! Many pupils in Year 5 attended Young Voices on Wednesday. They had the most wonderful time singing and dancing with thousands of other children across the West Midlands. We were so proud of all the children during this trip as they were so enthusiastic and were fabulous ambassadors for our school. Well done Year 5.

It has also been an exciting week for Year 1 and Year 2, who have really enjoyed DT week. The children have been learning how to chop, mix, weigh, grate and mash different ingredients. These essential life skills are so important, and we can see that there are many future chefs within our school! We look forward to seeing what KS2 create during their DT week next week.



Mobile phones: Please remember that only children that walk home alone in years 5 and 6, with parent/carer permission are allowed to bring a phone into school. Phones should be switched off when children enter the school site and handed to their teacher to be locked away. Phones can only be turned back on when children leave the school site.

Events next week:

Friday 2nd February – Number Day



On Friday, we will be celebrating NSPCC Number Day. This takes place every year and is a special day dedicated to raising funds for the NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children). During maths lessons on Friday, the children will be taking part in fun number activities. There will be a class competition to see which class can bring in the most pennies. We will then collect in all the money and donate to the NSPCC! Children will wear school uniform on this day. We look forward to having lots of number fun!

Day	Events
Monday	9am – Online Safety Parent/Carer workshop
Tuesday	Football Tournament
Wednesday	



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Thursday	2:30pm – KS2 Century parent/carer workshop
Friday	Number Day

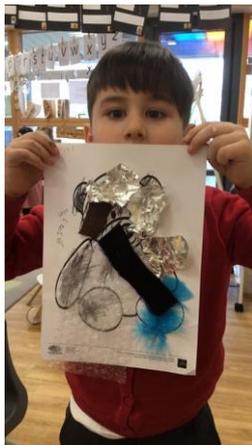
This week at Alder Moor Farm

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been telling the story “The Gingerbread Man”. The children have enjoyed creating with gingerbread playdough and used the small world characters to retell the story. In circle time we have been singing the rhyme “5 Little Gingerbread Men” and reading the story, “The Colour Monster”, discussing our feelings and how it is OK to feel happy, sad and angry.

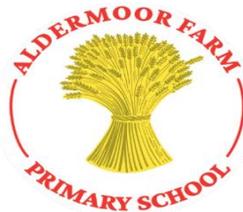
Reception

In Reception this week we have been extremely proud of the children’s progress in learning phonics sounds and reading CVC words. In Maths we have been learning about time, estimating how many jumps and claps we can do in 1 minute, we have also been learning about the days of the week ordering them and using the vocabulary tomorrow, today and yesterday. In Theme we have been learning about night time, talking about our bedtime routines, investigating what materials are good for making cuddly toys and making our own cuddly sock puppets. Please remember to help your child to complete one writing activity each week in their writing books. Although we expect you to help your child with their writing and sounding out words, please try and get your child to write in the books themselves.



Year 1

This week Year 1 have been writing detective stories; our character, Sid the mouse, manages to find lots of lost items, but is upset when their owners think he is a pest! In Maths we have explored choosing the best



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technique for adding and subtracting – this might be using number bonds, counting on or making 10. We encourage the children to explain their reasoning and they are becoming much more confident with this. For our second DT week of the year, we have been exploring food preparation and designing. The children enjoying slicing, mashing, grating, and peeling different foods. The week ended with them designing and making a sandwich using some of these techniques.

1EM have **Forest School next Tuesday**, please see the note on the classroom door. Have a great weekend.

Year 2

This week, Year 2 have started to learn about fractions in maths. They have impressed their teachers with their understanding and use of new vocabulary, including equal parts, vinculum, numerator and denominator. The children in Year 2 have also been using Times Table Rock Stars to practise times tables and 2HW won the year group battle this week. Which class will win next week?

In English, the children have created their own creatures and have written a narrative about someone finding the creature. They are trying hard to include conjunctions and adverbs to improve their writing. It has also been an exciting DT week! Our project is sewing to create a bag tag. The children learnt each skill, cut out pattern pieces and fabric and have started to sew them together. We can't wait to see them once they are completed next week!

Year 3

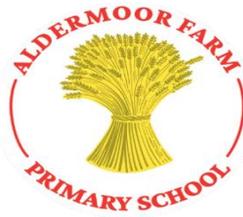
This week has been another exciting week. In English, we began writing a setting narrative using our plan. In Maths we continued learning about multiplication and division. We started to learn counting in eight and using our knowledge of four- and two-times tables to calculate eight times tables. In Science, we used bar magnets to learn about the difference between magnetic repulsion and attraction. In RE, we are learning about Christianity. We read lots of different stories and children thoroughly enjoyed them. Reading is very important, and we want all the children at Alder Moor Farm to read regularly. It has been noticed that reading regularly has dipped a little recently and children are bringing their planners in daily. Year 3 staff would like to bring this to notice and ask parents and carers to read and check their child's planner every day.

Year 4

It has been another busy week in Year 4. In Maths, we furthered our fractions knowledge – we now have a much better understanding of improper fractions and mixed numbers. In English, we began writing our narrative about a family of refugees. We have used powerful similes and metaphors to describe aspects of the journey. In Whole Class Reading, we read a newspaper article, which reported the Iron Man's catastrophic fall from the brink of the cliff. Finally, in our History lesson, we explored the causes and consequences for the Anglo-Saxon invasion of Britain. We have given out several positive notes this week to celebrate the children's use of Century at home. Thank you to those of you who have completed your Century homework – your hard work has been well and truly recognised and we hope you are enjoying the platform!

Year 5

It was a fantastic week in Year 5! In English, we have planned our cliffhanger narrative and mapped out key vocabulary and writer's knowledge that we are going to use when writing next week. In Maths, we have been



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learning about ordering fractions and decimals by placing them on a number line - it was not an easy strategy, but the children have persevered! In our whole class reading sessions we have learned more about the adventures of Liam Digby and are waiting to find out how he managed to get into space. But of course, the highlight of the week was our Wednesday trip to Young Voices at Birmingham Arena. We could not be prouder of your children – they performed as a part of 6000-strong choir and enjoyed every minute of it. We are certain you will hear them humming those catchy tunes for many weeks to come... We were very pleased to see that engagement with our homework platform Century has increased this week. We will be having sessions in school for children to truly engage with Century and are warmly inviting parents/carers to come to the workshop on February 1 to learn more about it.



Year 6

It has been another excellent week in Year 6. We have moved from fractions to percentages in maths, and have explored the links between them. We have revised percentages, and how to find 10%, 1%, and then any given percentage from that.

In English, our work around Darwin and his discoveries has led to the narrative the children have written across the week. After thorough planning and vocabulary gathering, the children produced some excellent narratives and displayed their understanding of speech and the relevant punctuation.

On Friday, we took part in the Coventry Building Society writing competition. Using an opening sentence, the children wrote their own stories. There were some fantastic entries!

Finally, we had a class assembly about homework and Century this week. The uptake has certainly improved, and well done to the year group. There has been new homework uploaded this week, and we look forward to even more children accessing it this week!

Riley Class

Riley class have had a busy week learning about fractions. We have learnt about numerators and denominators and how to write fractions. In English it has been very exciting as we have begun to write our own version of the Bog Baby. We loved changing the character names and the setting in which we caught our new creature.

This week we had a special assembly from the NSPCC and could not believe that Ant and Dec from the television were in the assembly video. They talked to us about speaking out and staying safe. In R.E. this week we discussed Chinese New Year and which animal represents the year we were born. Well done Riley class, lots of lovely learning this week.

Reading at Alder Moor

Accelerated Reader:



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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: 72,240,196.

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 – **Dragos (6KJ)** and **Tommy (6RH)** Well done!

OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
YEAR 2		
Daniel	2HW	12,247
Shreya	2ES	7,368
Khalid	2ES	5,983
YEAR 3		
Arav	3ZS	44,785
Sanabel	3TG	20,165
Dola	3MR	18,886
YEAR 4		
Zoe	4EG	56,107
Fatihah	4YS	36,507
Lasritha	4ZE	18,410
YEAR 5		
Kavisha	5OI	257,154
Madalina	5HH	187,620
Brooklyn	5OI	75,004
YEAR 6		
Nina	6JC	238,053
Henry	6JC	229,116
Olivia	6RH	225,479

*These figures are for 18/01/24 – 24/01/24

OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR

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Boubacar	6JC	4,230,784
Henry	6JC	3,433,859
James	6JC	2,827,694
Olivia	6RH	2,551,072
Nina	6JC	2,268,431

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

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
2ES	34,683
2HW	30,962
2LC	17,687
3MR	56,558
3TG	66,332
3ZS	65,673
4EG	97,247
4YS	69,504
4ZE	59,055
5HH	377,759
5OI	635,830
5NS	307,420
6KJ	551,138
6JC	1,420,324
6RH	330,625

*These figures are for 18/01/24 – 24/01/24

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: Yafa, Hanvika, Harry

Year 2: Rayyan, Merlin, Evelina

Year 3: Ilie, Dola, Zahidullah



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Year 4: Jason, Yusuf, Nabil

Year 5: Zainab, Artur, Kendrick

Year 6: Gyan, Bindushree, Soham

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

Year 1: Yafa, Kevin, Hanvika

Year 2: Rayyan, Merlin, Evelina

Year 3: Ilie, Dola, Zahidullah

Year 4: Jason, Yusuf, Nabil

Year 5: Zainab, Maisie, Shakoor

Year 6: Gyan, Bindushree, Tanya

Century Week

In Key Stage 2 next week, we will be relaunching the Century programme. Century is a fantastic online learning platform, which we already use to set homework.

In class, children will be given time to explore Century, with their teacher's support, and look at the different ways it can be used to help their learning.

If you would like to know more about Century there will be a workshop, for all Key Stage 2 parents/carers. This will be take place on **Thursday 1st February at 2.30pm** in the school hall.

Oracy Home Challenge

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Oracy is all about being a confident speaker and listener. Here is this week's oracy challenge for you to have a go at. Happy talking!





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Discuss with your child what you would request if you were each granted three wishes.

Conversation prompts:

Why have you chosen these wishes? Why is this wish important to you? How will your wish be helpful to yourself or others? Would you use all your wishes straight away or would you save some for a future date?

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.

After-school Clubs

All children will need to be collected due to the dark evenings.

Please ensure that all contact details are up to date with the school office.

Internet safety

INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

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

West Midlands **POLICE**

Time to Talk Day - Rethink Mental Illness

On Thursday 1st of February 2024, it will be 'Time to Talk Day'. The initiative seeks to give us all a chance to be more open about our mental health and talk about how we really feel. The organisation's site currently hosts



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resources, ways to get involved and stories about how opening up about mental health, has aided people up and down the country. To find out more, please follow the link below:

<https://www.rethink.org/campaigns-and-policy/awareness-days-and-events/time-to-talk-day>

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: 92.9%
Our Attendance to date: 93.6%

A reminder that our attendance target remains unchanged and we are striving to get to 95% by the end of the year.

Our attendance has been slipping a little since the beginning of the year. It would be amazing if attendance can pick up again to get closer to our 95% target.

The classes with the highest attendance this week: **6RH, 6JC, 4EG and 4YS**. Excellent work, everyone!

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: Macey-Mae, Jhannavi, Lina

Year 1: Faryal, Huda, Joshua

Year 2: Ella-Rae, Abel, Jwana

Year 3: T'Aire, Regan, Krish

Year 4: Lilly, Reeve, Adam



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Year 5: Riyashri, Angel, Kavinayaa

Year 6: Abi, Naylah, Paris

Riley Class: Elysa-Mae

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: Jaxon, Obai, Zuzanna

Year 2: Shreya, Isla, Shae

Year 3: Nivin, Mason, Mohsini

Year 4: Adeline, Yana, Saratu

Year 5: Wiktor, Malaz, Alivia-Mae

Year 6: Issa, Jonny, Elisabeta

Riley Class: Elysa-Mae





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On Wednesday our football team took part in a tournament hosted by EPIC Games, the boys were fantastic from start to finish and came away with winner medals. Well Done, boys!

Events

February

Thursday 1st February – Century Parent Workshop KS2

Friday 2nd February – Number Day

Monday 5th February – Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6th February – Parent's Evening

Wednesday 7th February – Parent's Evening

Monday 19th February – Inset day – school closed

Wednesday 21st February – Year 4 Maths parent workshop

Thursday 22nd February – Year 5 Maths parent workshop

Friday 23rd February – Year 6 Maths parent workshop

Monday 26th February – Reception Maths parent workshop

Tuesday 27th February – Year 1 Maths parent workshop

Wednesday 28th February – Year 2 Maths parent workshop

Thursday 29th February – Year 3 Maths parent workshop

March

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day (Please note we will not be dressing up for this event)

Diary Dates

Term dates



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Spring 1 Term dates

Monday 8th January – Friday 9th February 2024

Half term holidays

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024

Inset day

Monday 19th February 2024 – school closed to all children

Spring 2 Term dates

Tuesday 20th February – Friday 22nd March 2024

Easter holiday

Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April 2024

Summer 1 Term dates

Monday 8th April – Friday 24th May

Half term holidays

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Summer 2 Term dates

Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July

Children return on Tuesday 3rd September 2024