



Resilient Aspirational Courageous

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024

Message from Mrs Wright

It has been another fantastic week at Alder Moor Farm! It has been lovely to see so many children coming into school wearing the correct school uniform. Thank you for your continued support with this. If you have any questions about uniform then please speak to a member of staff on the gate or your child's class teacher. This week, we have been looking at Century and how the children are using this within school and at home. We are going to start celebrating the children who are accessing this regularly within year group assemblies. Century is a really powerful online platform which supports the children at their individual level. We are looking forward to seeing how many children can get certificates for their hard work on here!

We hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday!

Events next week:

Day	Events
Monday	Key Stage 1 – DT week
Tuesday	Zones of regulation – parent/carer workshop at 9am
Wednesday	Epic Games Football Tournament Year 5 – Young Voices
Thursday	
Friday	

This week at Alder Moor Farm

Nursery

In Nursery, we have been learning the story 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears'. The children created a class story map and have been retelling the story to their friends. We have also been learning to recognise numbers on a dice and dominoes. The children have enjoyed creating train tracks and taking the farm animals on adventures.

Please try to read a story with your child every day and bring books back for changing every Tuesday.

Reception

In Reception, we have begun to read our Whole Class Reading book 'The Owl and the Pussy Cat'. If you ask the children about this, then they will be able to tell you all about the characters. In maths, we have introduced the number 10 using tens frames and number bead strings. We have also been learning number to quantity and putting numbers 1-10 in both ascending and descending order. In theme, we have become avid bird watchers,



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learning about the different species of birds in our country and making bird feeders to ensure the birds in our local area do not go hungry during winter. Take a look at the **RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch**.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>



Year 1

Year 1 have had another busy week of learning! In Maths, the children have really enjoyed learning to tell the time to o'clock and half past. They are able to make given times on a clock and explain how they know what time it is. This is such a useful skill that can be practised at home. In English, we are in the middle of planning and writing our very own detective stories. The children have included ambitious vocabulary in their stories and are trying so hard to keep their writing neat and sitting on the line. In History, we examined photographs of Alder Moor Farm over the years and created our own timelines to show the changes. Mrs Harrison's class thoroughly enjoyed their first Forest School session. Next week is the turn of Miss Fassnidge's class, with Miss Mammatt's the week after (please see the note on classroom doors for clothing required).

Year 2

Year 2 have shown great resilience this week when learning about time in our maths lessons. They challenged themselves to move onto telling the time to 5-minute intervals and were able to explain how they knew what the time was using sentences. In English, the children have continued to enjoy reading the story *The Bog Baby* and created their own creature, labelling it carefully. We have now started to write our own 'finding narrative' where someone will find their creature. We can't wait to finish these narratives next week. Our PE lessons this week have been dance and the children have enjoyed using movement to be a river and different garden animals. Year 2 received their Times Table Rock Star logins last week and were very excited. Please encourage your children to play this at home as knowing their times tables will help with the rest of their maths too.

Year 3



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Year 3 had an amazing week with lots of new learning. Children are enjoying learning about forces. This week they learnt about frictional force. They enjoyed how frictional force works on different surfaces. It was so interesting to hear children's ideas. They learnt how to say the names of different instruments in Spanish. Children were amazed to see how we should use different fingers to type on a keyboard. They tried hard to use their fingers to type in their computing lessons.

Year 4

It has been another fantastic week in Year 4. In Maths, we continued our learning about fractions by finding equivalent fractions, ordering fractions and drawing helpful representations. We were extremely creative and empathetic in English this week when writing similes and metaphors inspired by the journey of a refugee family. In Whole Class Reading, we read on in the hope to find out whether the Iron Man would be captured by the pesky farmers. Finally, in Science, we explored soundwaves and how volume and pitch can affect how they are drawn. Well done to everybody in Year 4 for completing the Spring Multiplication Tables Check mock test - we are delighted with the progress you are making with your times tables knowledge and we are excited to see just how speedy your recall will become. Keep practising on TTRS!

Year 5

What a busy week it has been in Year 5. The preparations for our trip to Young Voices are well under way and the children enjoyed rehearsing the songs and learning the accompanying actions. We can't wait to perform on the big stage! In Maths, we have been learning about equivalent fractions, practised comparing fractions by placing them on a number line and began investigating equivalencies of fractions and decimals. In English, we have discovered what had happened at Baskerville Hall and were looking at the literary devices used by the author to create tension and suspense. The week culminated in children producing their own cliffhanger paragraphs. In Science, Year 5 were learning about developments in understanding of the Solar System through the ages, focusing on geocentric vs heliocentric theories and discussing work of Aristotle, Copernicus, Galilei and Newton. In History, the children have also looked at various Ancient Greek artefacts and discussed what they reveal about this ancient civilization.

Year 6

It has been an excellent week in Year 6. In maths, we have continued with our work on fractions. We have looked at dividing fractions by a whole number and a whole number by a fraction, multiplying fractions and subtracting mixed numbers. It is such an extensive area, and the children's understanding is wonderful to see. They know what methods to use, when to use them and how to apply that knowledge.

In geography this week, we looked at maps and how to read them (including popular map symbols). The children studied both small and large-scale maps and then used the Internet to look at our school. Using the given scale, we estimated the length of certain areas and then tested our map-reading skills by measuring those areas. Some of them were up to 60m, and the children showed excellent measuring skills by meticulously checking their estimated measurement.

On a final note, in our year group assembly, we recapped the importance of Century and reminded the children that homework is given out weekly, with both maths and grammar assignments being set every Thursday.



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Riley Class

Riley class have had a fantastic week continuing their understanding of time. They have used the clock to tell me when it is time for break and lunch. In English, we have been story mapping in preparation for writing our story of The Bog Baby. During PSHE, we discussed how at times we can feel jealous but that it is good for us all to have our own strengths. The children were very good at sharing their friends' strengths. We had our first PE session in the hall this week! We were able to get ourselves changed for PE and we really enjoyed our session with Mr Ashmore.

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: 68,119,121.

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

OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
YEAR 2		
Farrahah	2HW	19,818
Olly	2HW	11,165
Daniel	2HW	7,361
YEAR 3		
Sanabel	3TG	75,166
Adorable	3TG	34,557
Nataliya	3TG	30,644
YEAR 4		
Aleksandr	4EG	83,801
Zoe	4EG	62,746
Leah	4EG	39,847
YEAR 5		
Safiatou	5OI	130,605
Joseph	5OI	98,957
Marley	5HH	90,986
YEAR 6		



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Olivia	6RH	353,160
Boubacar	6JC	279,618
Henry	6JC	275,004

*These figures are for 11/01/24 – 17/01/24

OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
Boubacar	6JC	4,048,841
Henry	6JC	3,204,743
James	6JC	2,779,607
Olivia	6RH	2,325,593
Nina	6JC	2,032,378

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

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
2ES	31,580
2HW	63,411
2LC	20,296
3MR	74,325
3TG	169,585
3ZS	62,426
4EG	249,095
4YS	63,553
4ZE	40,899
5HH	345,845
5OI	588,580
5NS	194,305
6KJ	415,665
6JC	1,410,998
6RH	501,782

*These figures are for 11/01/24 – 17/01/24

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.



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

Year 1: Hanvika, Yafa, Fatima

Year 2: Chiemerie, Shreya, Obay

Year 3: Ilie, Zahidullah, Dan

Year 4: Nabil, Yusuf, Jason

Year 5: Zainab, Riyashri, Abigail

Year 6: Tanya, Soham, Petra

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

Year 1: Hanvika, Yafa, Alia

Year 2: Chiemerie, Lily, Shreya

Year 3: Ilie, Zahidullah, Dan

Year 4: Yusuf, Jason, Nabil

Year 5: Abigail, Riyashri, Zainab

Year 6: Tanya, Soham, Petra

Maths Poster Competiton

Thank you to all the parents and carers who helped to create amazing posters at home for the Maths Poster Competiton. The posters were fantastic, and it was very difficult to choose the winners. After a careful thought and looking at the posters keeping the conditions in mind the following children were chosen as winners.

The winners are:

Reception- Janith and Shiyaz

Year 1- Kouhei and Ouais

Year2- Merlin and Reeti

Year 3- Raheema and Sanabel

Year 4- Lasritha and Yanat

Year 5- Riyashri and Amelia

Year 6- Nina and John



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NSPCC Assembly

NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* online programme

I am pleased to tell you that next week, on Wednesday 24th January, we will be participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.*** online programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom-based activities. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline. In the online assembly, the *Speak out. Stay safe.* messages are delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy. By the end of the programme, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme you can find information on the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout or your child's class teacher would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have.



Oracy Home Challenge

Oracy

Home

Challenge



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!

Play a game with your child. Before, during or after the game, ask them to explain the rules.



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Conversation prompts:

How do you play this game? What are the rules? Do you like the rules? Are there any rules that you would change? How could we make this game easier/harder to play?

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.

Job Shop



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Vaping Amongst Children

The supply of disposable vapes has exploded in the last 18 months which includes noncompliant versions being sold in shops within our local area. The child appealing design of the packaging and the fruity flavours have made vaping more appealing to children and we are hearing more and more of primary age children using these outside of school. What is more, the knock-on effect of the popularity of vaping amongst children is that perpetrators of Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse are giving vapes to individuals as part of their grooming tactics. If you know of any local businesses selling vapes to underage children, please report this to the police so that this can be shared with the regional intelligence unit.

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**.



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Attendance

Our Attendance Target: 95%

Our Attendance this week: %

Our Attendance to date: %

Welcome back to everyone and I hope you had a lovely break. A reminder that our attendance target remains unchanged and we are striving to get to 95% by the end of the year. We're not too far away and we can do it!

Throughout this half term, we will have some special attendance days. Keep an eye out for when those are.

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: Evaniya, Lina, Julia

Year 1: Emilia, Arif, Olivia

Year 2: Nimrod, Aisha, Safiya

Year 3: Raghav, Aadhya, Ksenija

Year 4: Israel, Jaxon, Avram

Year 5: Safaa, Malaz, Fatoumata

Year 6: Ayaan, Ling, Ara

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: Lucas, Mina, Hannah

Year 2: Merlin, Cristian, Habiba

Year 3: Hamza, Darcie, Aisyah



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Year 4: Niya, Gabriela, Beau

Year 5: Kendrick, Ethan, Yusuf

Year 6: Lucy, Izabela, Tanya

Riley Class: Elysa-Mae

Events

January

Monday 22nd – Key Stage 1 Design Technology Week

Wednesday 24th – NSPCC assembly for children

Monday 29th – Key Stage 2 Design and Technology Week

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

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



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Diary Dates

Term dates

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