



Resilient Aspirational Courageous

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2024

Message from Mrs Wright

What a busy and exciting half term it has been. There have been so many things to celebrate: Y5 singing at Young Voices, DT week where all the children created fantastic recipes and models, Century launch, parents/carers evening, fun filled afternoons in forest school and much more! I am so proud of all the children for showing how **resilient, aspirational courageous** they really are.

Reading has continued to thrive across the school with a number of children achieving Millionaire Reader status. The children have also enjoyed working on TT Rock Stars each week. It has been great to see many names being celebrated during assembly, for the number of correct answers and the number of minutes played. Well done everyone and please keep this going.

We hope you have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 20th February.**

Day	Events
Monday	School closed to children – inset day
Tuesday	9:00 - Y6 Maths Parent/Carer workshop
Wednesday	9:00 – 12:00 MMR Vaccine Drop in
Thursday	9:00 - Y5 Maths Parent/Carer workshop
Friday	2:30pm – Fun for Families – invitation only

This week at Alder Moor Farm

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been retelling the story 'The Magic Porridge Pot', the children have enjoyed learning the rhymes "Cook, cook little pot. Make me porridge nice and hot" and "Stop, stop little pot, that's enough porridge, make it stop". We have also been exploring capacity through filling different sized pots with dried porridge and making porridge with golden syrup to taste. Towards the end of the week, we listened to the story about Chinese New Year and acted out the animal's race! Enjoy your half term break.

Reception

This week in Reception we have had fun learning about Chinese New Year, why it is celebrated and why years are named after animals. We also acted out the animal's race using masks. To end our celebration on Chinese New Year we had Chinese feast trying prawn crackers, spring rolls, noodles and sweet chilli sauce. In Theme



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this week we have explored the book, 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers and explored dark and light by building dens. In maths we have been learning about subtracting numbers within 10 using a variety of resources to help us and understanding that when we add numbers together, we move up a number track and when subtracting we move down a number track. Have a restful and enjoyable half term!

Year 1

Another fabulous and busy week in Year 1 - the children continue to impress us with their growing independence when writing and have written great letters telling Lady-Chumley-Plumley where to find her lost bracelet! Whilst writing they have become experts at using imperative (bossy) verbs, the prefix un (uncovered, unkind) and the suffixes -est and -er (larger, smallest). In Maths they have been getting to grips with representing numbers to 50 in tens and ones by grouping straws, counters and cubes into tens.

In Geography we learnt about the 7 continents and 5 oceans, working in groups to make our own world maps. I'm sure the children will enjoy sharing the continents and oceans songs with you at home. We will be finishing the week by making personalised medals in Art using a variety of materials and following our designs from last week. Miss Mammatt's class had a wonderful time during their Forest school session. Each class will have at least one more chance to go next term. Have a fantastic half term break!

Year 2

This week in Year 2, the children have written their final piece of writing based on our book 'The Bog Baby'. They have loved this book and the instructions they have written this week are excellent! They have thought carefully about vocabulary choices and the structure of instructions. Well done, Year 2! In maths, we have moved on to addition and subtraction, this time with questions where the children have to regroup. It has been a challenge, but the children have thought carefully about each step and our sentences of the week to help. In history, we looked at different monarchs' reigns and arranged them into chronological order on a timeline. Then, we found out some facts about each one.

The children have continued to impress their teachers with their fantastic attitude to learning and can't wait to see what the rest of the year holds! We hope you have a great half term break, and we look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 20th February.

Year 3

This week has been very busy and exciting. The children finished writing their information leaflet about volcanoes. They finished reading the book 'The Witches' and they are looking forward to reading a new book when they come back after a restful break. In Maths, we learnt how to multiply using a column method. Children worked very hard, but they still need more practice. We will continue our learning when we come back. In Science lessons we explored what materials are magnetic and non-magnetic. In Year 3 we are practicing developing our oracy skills and this week our focus was 'Taking turns'. Children are showing this skill regularly in all the lessons and have fully understood why it is important to take turns. In Humanities, we learnt about different climate zones and the names of the different countries in different zones. We also did a Maths assessment, and all the teachers felt so proud of all the children seeing their efforts and resilience during the



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test. All the children have worked very hard, and they deserve a restful break. Please keep yourself safe and don't forget to read regularly. Have a great half term break!

Year 4

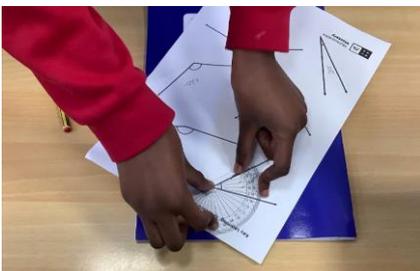
Year 4 has had a fantastic week. In mathematics, the students have successfully completed their fractions unit, demonstrating a strong grasp of this fundamental concept. Moreover, in English, they concluded their poignant refugee story with heartfelt diary entries, showcasing their creativity and empathy. In science, they engaged in hands-on activities exploring pitch and volume, setting the stage for further exploration of our sound unit after the half term break. In history, the Anglo-Saxon unit continues to captivate our young historians as they delve deeper into this fascinating period. As we approach half term, we encourage all students to continue their learning journey by reading plenty of books, practicing on TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars), and utilizing Century to enhance their skills. It's also crucial for them to take time to rest and recharge, ensuring they return refreshed for the remainder of the term.

Have a great half term!

Year 5

We can't believe it is half-term break already! What a busy half-term has it been. In Maths, we started a new unit on angles and learned how to use a protractor to measure and draw angles. In English, we have started writing a formal report on the events in Baskerville Hall, focusing on using formal language. In Science, we built models of solar systems, learning about relationship between orbiting, rotations and days and years. In History, we explored locations on the map of Ancient Greece. And in WCR, we discovered a lot about different parenting techniques as Liam Digby competes with other dads.

Thank you to the parents that have come to our concert on Wednesday. The children were so excited to showcase their songs. On Thursday 22nd February at 9:00 we will be holding a maths workshop for parents – we hope you can join us. Please, look out for the letter about the Space Centre trip which will happen on 13th March. Have a wonderful break!



Year 6

Year 6 have been busy throughout this final week before the break. In maths, we have been delving deeper into percentages and looking at their fraction equivalents. We have also been converting fractions into percentages and discovering ways of converting those trickier ones.



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In English, have written, and edited, our explanation texts on how a chosen animal has adapted to their environment. We have learned a lot and have produced some excellent pieces of writing.

In geography, we looked at the two Polar regions. We compared the two and their features: topography, wildlife, vegetation and average temperatures.

Our science investigation was how changing the number of cells would affect the brightness of a bulb. The children discussed predictions and recorded the results.

The children have been given maths and reading CGP books to assist with their learning, homework and preparation for SATs. Homework has been set and the children have been asked to bring the books back after the break. It is a great opportunity to revise what we have learnt and rehearse those skills that will be tested in May.

We hope you have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you when we return.

Riley Class

Riley class have worked hard this week, leading up to half term. Last week we built a Habitat for a creature and this week we were able to use instructional writing on how to build a Habitat. In Maths we have been learning how to share and use addition and subtraction with re-grouping. The children were fantastic at 'making ten'. R.E was so much fun. We learnt about the celebration Holi and went outside to celebrate the festival of colour.

Have a wonderful half term!

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: 80,377,557.

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

Our children have worked extremely hard on their reading this half-term and, as usual, we love to celebrate their achievements. In particular, we are proud to announce the top three readers in each class.

YEAR 2



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2ES		2HW		2LC	
1	Khalid	1	Olly	1	Reeti
2	Charlie	2	Farrahah	2	Max
3	Shreya	3	Daniel	3	Evelina

YEAR 3

3MR		3TG		3ZS	
1	Dola	1	Sanabel	1	Arav
2	Nataliya	2	Adorable	2	Saffy
3	Kimberly	3	Carson	3	Nahreen

YEAR 4

4EG		4YS		4ZE	
1	Zoe	1	Jaweriyah	1	Diamond
2	Aleksandr	2	Fatihah	2	Nadra
3	Leah	3	Abdulmateen	3	Zach

YEAR 5

5HH		5OI		5NS	
1	Madalina	1	Kavisha	1	Sejal
2	Marley	2	Safiatou	2	Fredda
3	Kendrick	3	Yusuf	3	Nafisa

YEAR 6

6KJ		6JC		6RH	
1	Miya	1	Henry	1	Olivia
2	Mozeedah	2	Boubacar	2	Petra
3	Fatima	3	James	3	Ara

Well done to these and all our children who are working so hard on their reading journey.

Finally, we are proud of how many words have been read both this week and for the year to date by each of our classes.

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT	TOTAL WORD COUNT
2ES	65,155	733,780
2HW	51,950	596,805
2LC	32,574	341,429



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3MR	12,426	823,901
3TG	40,570	1,301,613
3ZS	128,292	647,756
4EG	206,146	2,280,730
4YS	23,478	1,698,647
4ZE	92,689	1,515,773
5HH	120,785	5,866,999
5OI	374,821	7,657,169
5NS	222,198	3,005,607
6KJ	798,038	14,536,718
6JC	1,653,885	28,862,871
6RH	428,125	10,495,908

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, Evelina, Cristian

Year 3: Ilie, Dola, Zahidullah

Year 4: Abdul, Nabil, Yusuf

Year 5: Madalina, Zainab, Sofia

Year 6: Sasha, Aymen, Fatima

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

Year 1: Hanvika, Yafa, Scott

Year 2: Evelina, Rayyan, Cristian



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Year 3: Ilie, Dola, Hunida

Year 4: Abdul, Nabil, Yusuf

Year 5: Madalina, Maisie, Sofia

Year 6: Sasha, Ling, Aymen

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!



Discuss a news article with your child. This could be a newspaper report or a television broadcast (like Newsround).

Conversation prompts: What has happened? Where did it take place? When did it take place? Who is involved? Were there any witnesses? How do you feel about this story?

Maths Home Challenge

Try solving this puzzle with your child. Read it with them, come up with different ways to solve it. Look at what information is given in the puzzle and discuss how you can use that information to come up with a solution.

Next week, there will be another exciting puzzle and the answer to this one.



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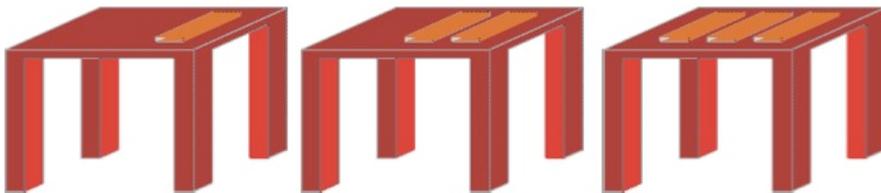
Chocolate Puzzle nrich.maths.org

This challenge is about chocolate. You have to imagine (if necessary!) that everyone involved in this challenge enjoys chocolate and wants to have as much as possible.

There's a room in your school that has three tables in it with plenty of space for chairs to go round. Table 1 has one block of chocolate on it, table 2 has two blocks of chocolate on it and, guess what, table 3 has three blocks of chocolate on it.

Now ... outside the room is a class of children. Thirty of them all lined up ready to go in and eat the chocolate. These children are allowed to come in one at a time and can enter when the person in front of them has sat down. When a child enters the room they ask themselves this question:

"If the chocolate on the table I sit at is to be shared out equally when I sit down, which would be the best table to sit at?"



However, the chocolate is not shared out until all the children are in the room so as each one enters they have to ask themselves the same question.

School Trip

Six of our Year 3 children visited Spon Gate School to try their hands at patterns, puzzles and magic squares.

Sanabel, Kohen, Arav, Rebecca, Nataliya and Phoebe joined pupils from five other schools for a Maths Day led by national expert Pete Hall.

The day was aimed at looking at different ways to solve problems -such as arranging digits in a 3 x 3 square so that each row, column and diagonal added to 15. Another challenge involved making bats, birds and butterflies out of Chinese tangram shapes.

We also talked about important mathematicians such as Katherine Johnson, who was a key American figure in the Space Race.

Well done to the children for their enthusiasm and excellent attitude!



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World Book Day 2024

World Book Day takes place this year on **Thursday 7th March 2024**. Just a reminder that we will not be dressing up to celebrate World Book Day. All children must come to school in normal school uniform on this day.

There will be lots of fun competitions for the children to enter, both in and out of school, to help us celebrate this day so watch this space...



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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.

Uniform

We are very proud to offer a preloved uniform service. If any families would like to donate good quality items that are no longer being used, we would welcome them. Towards the end of each half term, the uniform will be placed on the school playground for parents/carers to take home. No payment is necessary just help us recycle the clothing.

Boot Fund

Boot Fund is a Coventry based charity which provides school shoes for families. The family support team have applications available if required.

Early help

For any support over the February half term please contact Aspire Family hub – 02476 978100

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: 93.1%
Our Attendance to date: 93.5%

Well done to everyone for getting to school for 100% day. We had lots of fun with activities in the hall and celebrations within classes. Attendance generally for this week has been excellent and I hope we can keep it up for next half term/



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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.

Celebrations

End of term assembly certificate winners for **“Consistently Aspirational”**:

Reception : Harith, Oumou, Macey-Mae

Year 1: Obai, David, Yafa

Year 2: Merlin, Farrahah, Reeti

Year 3: Aisyah, Nazim, Widad

Year 4: Zoe, Alex, Azeez

Year 5: Hasan, Fredda, Shakoor

Year 6: Junior, Boubacar, Soham

Riley Class: Ebenezer

Mr Ashmore: Shaylan

End of term assembly certificate winners for **“Most Improved Aspirational”**

Reception: Jhannavi, Lina, Kody

Year 1: Manreet, Ishank, Stanley

Year 2: Ella-Rae, Aarun, Salum

Year 3: Nivin, Darcie, Dari

Year 4: Elinathan, Yana, Saratu

Year 5: Zainab, Kavisha, Malaz

Year 6: Jonny, Lukasz, Anastazja



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Mr Ashmore: Mozeedah

Events

February

Monday 19th February – Inset day – school closed

Wednesday 21st February – MMR Vaccines

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

Half term holidays



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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