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## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

### Message from Mrs Wright

What a fantastic first week back it has been! The children have come back to school refreshed, rejuvenated and ready to learn. This term, we are continuing to work on developing oracy across the school. Oracy is learning to talk, learning through talk and learning to listen. These are important life skills to support the children throughout their lives. Try out the oracy challenge on the newsletter this week. We look forward to hearing about the interesting conversations you have with your children.

**Parking around school:** Please can we remind you about parking safely around the school site. There have been many times that we have witnessed some unsafe driving and parking around the school gates. Please try to avoid coming in a car where possible and walk to school. If you drive, then please ensure you are parking safely and not putting our children and families in danger. Thank you for your support with this.

It has been lovely to welcome so many of you to the maths parent/carer workshops this week. These continue next week. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday for another great week.

Day	Events
Monday	9:00am – Reception parent/carer maths workshop
Tuesday	9:00am – Year 1 parent/carer maths workshop
Wednesday	9:00am – Year 2 parent/carer maths workshop 3:00pm – Football match v Willenhall
Thursday	9:00am – Year 3 parent/carer maths workshop
Friday	

### This week at Alder Moor Farm

#### Nursery

In Nursery, we have been answering what, who and where questions. We have been looking back at some of our favourite stories and learning to listen to a question, think and then give our answers. Lenny, our puppet, has been asking the children questions too, some of which have been very funny! During rhyme time, we have started to sing number rhymes and using our fingers to show how many.

#### Reception

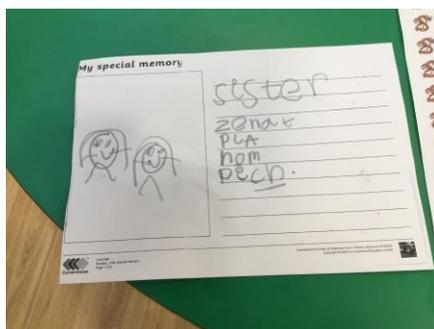


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During maths this week, we have been learning about grouping and sharing different amounts using Old McDonald and his farmyard animals as prompts. Children are beginning to understand the questions: How many groups are there? How many are there in a group? How many there are altogether? In theme, we have begun to explore the past, looking at special memories that we all have. A big thank you to all the families that have supplied photos for us, it has been lovely to hear the children talk about their memories. We have also read the book Rosie's Hat and worked as a team to create a story map to retell the story. We have started a new book in our Read to Write lessons called Little Red and in our whole class read we are beginning to read Daisy Eat Your Peas! Please sign up for our maths workshop on Monday at 9am.



### Year 1

The children continue to impress us with their independence and growing confidence to write. Each day this week they have been writing sentences linked to our new text 'Where the Wild Things Are' and capital letters, fingers spaces and full stops are becoming much more consistent, well done Year 1! They have certainly enjoyed exploring the new vocabulary and being mischievous just like Max in the story. In Maths, we have been comparing groups of objects using the words greater and fewer, then finding the difference between two quantities. Next week, we will be writing equations to represent these ideas. Please come to our parent/carer maths workshop at 9am on Tuesday! The session will show you how we teach your children different mathematical concepts and how you can help at home. In Geography, the children found out about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and their capital cities. We even found Coventry on a map. Our new art topic is watercolour and the children really enjoyed exploring what happens when you mix different colours and different quantities of water to the paint.

### Year 2

We have had a great week in Year 2! The children have come back to school ready to learn and have impressed us with their work. We will be starting our new whole-class reading book 'The Hodgehog' next week and to prepare for this, we have been learning all about hedgehogs. Ask your child for some interesting hedgehog facts as they have found lots! They painted hedgehogs using forks to create the spines and found out more about the author of 'The Hodgehog' too. We continued our work on addition and subtraction in maths. The children used their place value knowledge to help them regroup tens and ones and were confidently explaining



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their understanding. In history, we learnt about how William the Conqueror became King of England. The children pieced together parts of the Bayeux tapestry, ensuring it was in the right order to tell the story. Next week (Wednesday at 9am) is the Year 2 maths parent/carer workshop where you can find out about how we teach maths at school and how you can help at home.

### **Year 3**

We have started this term with lots of interesting activities and have planned for lots of activities to engage children in their learning.

This week we introduced a new book 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' by Andy Shepard. The immediate reaction from the children was amazing. They are all looking forward to reading it. We posted some of our amazing work on Twitter and we got a response back from Andy Shepard. Children were amazed to see the replies. We will continue to share our work with her. We introduced a new book in English too. 'Jemmy Button' by Alex Barzelay is a book that we will enjoy for the next couple of weeks. In Maths we began to learn about division. In Art, we painted our witches' sculptures making sure to add lots of finer details. Please log into Twitter to see what we have been doing this week.

### **Year 4**

We have had a wonderful week this week with two visitors coming in and we have started some new and exciting topics. On Wednesday, we had a financial advisor from 'Skint to Mint' come in to talk to us about finances and advised us all about becoming millionaires by the age of 12. On Friday, we learnt fire safety from some very brave firefighters. In English, we have started the book 'The Lost Happy Endings' and started preparing for our twisted narratives. In Maths, we have been learning about time so, whenever you get a moment, ask your child what the time is so they can get some practise at home.

### **Year 5**

It was lovely to welcome children back after a well-deserved break. This half-term, in personal development lessons children are revisiting British Values and Protected Characteristics, focusing on personal liberties and mutual respect. We are linking these to behaviour in social situations, especially on the playground. In maths, children are becoming more confident in drawing angles accurately by using protractors. They have learnt to construct reflex angles through their knowledge of the angle on a full turn. In writing, we have completed formal reports on the events at Baskerville Hall and the children were great at using formal archaic vocabulary. This week we have also explored primary and secondary sources in our learning about Ancient Greece. Thank you to those parents/carers who have attended our maths workshop – we hope you have found it useful!

### **Year 6**

It has been a great week back for Year 6, and the children have displayed an excellent attitude after the well-deserved break.

In maths, we have looked back at addition, subtraction and short division and the formal written methods used for these operations. We have also had the opportunity to challenge ourselves with lots of reasoning problems. We have started the book 'Shackleton's Journey' in English and have already read a substantial amount. We learnt all about Endurance and how the crew prepared for the expedition to the South Pole. Friday's lesson involved planning a diary entry about the voyage, leading up to the huge event of the ship becoming stuck in ice! In geography this week, we looked at the polar oceans (the Arctic and Southern Ocean) and compared them to an ocean of our choosing.



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Regarding SATs, the children were given a reading and maths SATs book before half term. They have been bought by the school and are for the children to work on at home. We encourage the children to work through both books, ensuring they take time to develop their skills in the key areas. There are just nine weeks of school left before the week of SATs!

### **Riley Class**

Riley class has returned to school ready to learn and what a fantastic week of learning it has been. All children have been revisiting addition and subtraction this week. I have been so impressed with how much they have remembered from previous learning. In English, we have been introduced to two new exciting texts, 'The Hodgeheg' and 'Grandad's Island'. In science this week, we tried very hard to protect jelly babies from class predators! We placed the jelly baby in a safe box with warning signs not to eat them. We hid them in safe places but unfortunately some of the jelly babies became a delicious treat to some hungry predators! Luckily Mrs Fields treated us all and we all became a predator. Well done Riley class, a great start to Spring 2.

## **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: 85,593,713.**

**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 – **Miya (6KJ)** and **John (6JC)**. Well done!

### **OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK**

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
<b>YEAR 2</b>		
<b>Reeti</b>	<b>2LC</b>	<b>16,694</b>
Daniel	2HW	10,272
Evelina	2LC	7,861
<b>YEAR 3</b>		
<b>Sanabel</b>	<b>3TG</b>	<b>56,147</b>
Arav	3ZS	22,585
Adorable	3TG	21,465
<b>YEAR 4</b>		



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<b>Zoe</b>	<b>4EG</b>	<b>64,220</b>
Alex	4YS	62,509
Fatihah	4YS	53,865
<b>YEAR 5</b>		
<b>Sejal</b>	<b>5NS</b>	<b>109,023</b>
Marley	5HH	107,024
Safiatou	5OI	75,226
<b>YEAR 6</b>		
<b>Henry</b>	<b>6JC</b>	<b>354,719</b>
Boubacar	6JC	340,470
Haneen	6JC	312,328

\*These figures are for 08/02/24 – 21/02/24

#### OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
<b>Boubacar</b>	<b>6JC</b>	<b>4,951,606</b>
<b>Henry</b>	<b>6JC</b>	<b>4,316,961</b>
<b>James</b>	<b>6JC</b>	<b>3,201,519</b>
<b>Olivia</b>	<b>6RH</b>	<b>2,551,072</b>
<b>Nina</b>	<b>6JC</b>	<b>2,504,167</b>

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

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
2ES	21,641
2HW	35,444
2LC	38,987
3MR	28,239
3TG	95,361
3ZS	38,606
4EG	271,509
4YS	260,941
4ZE	45,800
5HH	400,386
5OI	334,493
5NS	145,786
6KJ	994,978
<b>6JC</b>	<b>2,207,890</b>



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6RH	295,132
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## Coventry Schools' Library Quiz

We are proud to announce that six of our Year 6 children have entered the Coventry Schools' Library Quiz and, on Tuesday, they won their heat. This means that they will now progress to the final, to be held on

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Well done to Ayesha (6KJ), Henry, Boubacar and Wisam (6JC), Olivia and Tommy (6RH).

## Parent/Carer survey

Thank you to everyone who responded to our parent/carers survey. The results are very positive, and we will use the information to make our school even better.

- Parents/carers feel that school professionals are approachable, and that they are happy that their child/ren attend the school.
- Parents/carers have a great understanding on the importance of school attendance.
- Parents/carers feel that school encourages respect for others.
- Parents/carers are aware of the school's behaviour policy and positive note system.

We always welcome feedback from parents throughout the school academic year, so if you have anything you would like to raise, please contact the family support team.

## 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: Hanvika, Yafa, Fatima

Year 2: Evelina, Shreya, Rayyan

Year 3: Ilie, Zahidullah, Dola



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Year 4: Nabil, Abdul, Yusuf

Year 5: Judah, Kavinayaa, Bethel

Year 6: Shaylan, Hamda, Ara

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

Year 1: Hanvika, Aila, Yafa

Year 2: Evelina, Jwana, Merlin

Year 3: Zahidullah, Ilie, Dola

Year 4: Abdul, Joanna, Nabil

Year 5: Judah, Maitaishe, Yahya

Year 6: Shaylan, Miya, Ara

## 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!



Challenge your child to interview someone about their life – possible an elder relative or a neighbour. What would they like to find out? Can they remember and retell the information they have gathered?

Conversation prompts:

Tell me a fun fact about yourself. Do you have a favourite memory? What was it like to attend school when you were younger? What jobs have you had in the past? What is your favourite food? Have you visited any other countries? Tell me about something that has made you smile.



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## Maths Home Challenge

### This week's home challenge

#### How Old is Granny?

Tom asked his Granny how old she was. Rather than giving him a straight answer, she replied:

"I have 6 children, and there are 4 years between each one and the next. I had my first child (your Uncle Peter) when I was 19. Now the youngest one (your Auntie Jane) is 19 herself. That's all I'm telling you!"

How old is Tom's Granny?

### Possible solutions of the last week's challenge

It is easy for the first few children to decide where to sit, but the question gets harder to answer, e.g.

It maybe that when child 9 comes into the room they see:

- 2 people at table 1
- 3 people at table 2
- 3 people at table 3

So, child 9 might think:

"If I go to:

- *table 1 there will be 3 people altogether, so one block of chocolate would be shared among three and I'll get one third.*
- *table 2 there will be 4 people altogether, so two blocks of chocolate would be shared among four and I'll get one half.*
- *table 3, there will be 4 people altogether, so three blocks of chocolate would be shared among four and I'll get three quarters.*

*Three quarters is the biggest share, so I'll go to table 3."*

## 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 make sure that your contact details (phone numbers/emails etc) are up to date with the school office.

### Vaping

The police have asked for schools to share messages with parents/carers, to ensure they are aware of the dangers of cannabis and illegal vapes.

Some vapes are resulting in some youths becoming aggressive, foaming at the mouth, having seizures and becoming unconscious.



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If anyone has any information regarding the sale of these vapes, please contact the police in the usual manner (Live Chat or 101).

Extra information can be found on the TalktoFrank website and details of support services can be found on the Coventry City Council Website.

<https://www.talktofrank.com/news/cannabisevapes>

[Drugs and alcohol – Coventry City Council](#)

### **Healthy eating**

The NHS says 'children whose parents encourage them to be active and eat well are more likely to stay a healthy weight and grow up healthy.'

Please see the link below on five tips for helping children eat healthier all year around.

[Five tips for helping your kids to eat healthily all year round - BBC Bitesize](#)

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: 92.0%**  
**Our Attendance to date: 91.36%**

The classes that have more than 95% attendance this week are:

RCW – 95.4%

1LH – 95%

4EG – 96.77%

5HH – 95.16%

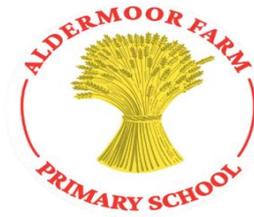
5OI – 95.16%

6RH – 95.06%

Riley Class – 95.83%

**Excellent work, everyone!**

Well done to everyone who has been here every day this week. Our attendance **target remains at 95%** and we are keen to achieve it by the end of the year. So far, our attendance is higher than last year and we really want to keep it that way. So, let's work together to promote excellent attendance!



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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 -**

**Reception: Branson, Tlotliso**

**Year 1: Harry, Iqra and Rozy**

**Year 2: Evan, Maksim and Obay**

**Year 3: Amity, Ilie and Sanabel**

**Year 4: Lira, Marwa and Nathanael**

**Year 5: Fredda, Latoya and Raevyn-Leigh**

**Year 6: Farees, Yasar and Alisa**

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

**Certificate winners for this week are -**

**Reception:**

**Year 1: Joshua, Keelan and Tafida**

**Year 2: Emilee, Juana and Max**

**Year 3: Jacob, Isla and Emily**

**Year 4: Halfan, Sophia-Rose and Layla**

**Year 5: Aaliyah, Madalina and Suheb**

**Year 6: Hajra, Abi and Hibba**

**Riley Class: David**



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## Events

### February

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Reception Maths parent workshop

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Year 1 Maths parent workshop

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 Maths parent workshop

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3 Maths parent workshop

### March

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

## Diary Dates

### Term dates

#### Spring 2 Term dates

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

#### Easter holiday

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024

#### Summer 1 Term dates

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

#### Half term holidays

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

#### Summer 2 Term dates

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Children return on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024