



Resilient Aspirational Courageous

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2024

Message from Mrs Wright

It has been lovely to welcome so many of you to the maths parent/carer workshops over the last two weeks. Many families commented on how useful it was to see the different areas of maths their children would be learning this year. Teachers shared strategies that could be used at home to support children with their fluency. We look forward to welcoming you to more workshops throughout the school year.

Next week, we have a very exciting visitor coming to visit us at Alder Moor Farm - Clare Balding. Clare is well known for presenting programmes including, Wimbledon, The Olympics, Crufts and many more. She is also an award-winning author who has written several children's books. She will be coming to speak to Key Stage 2 about her career and how she got to where she is today. The children and staff are very excited to welcome her to the school!

I hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Day	Events
Monday	
Tuesday	9am – Year 4 parent/carer workshop – Multiplication Check
Wednesday	Clare Balding visit
Thursday	
Friday	9am – Nursery Mother's Day parent/carer event 2:30pm – Nursery and Reception Mother's Day parent/carer event

This week at Alder Moor Farm

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been listening to stories about families. We have been encouraging our children to talk about their families and the things they like to do with them. Some children have also been drawing their family members. Please can you either place on Seesaw or email (admin@afprimary.org.uk) a photo of your family for us to look at and talk about with your child. Many thanks for your continued support.



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Reception

This week in Reception we have continued with grouping and sharing within our maths lessons. The children have been using the vocabulary 'equal' and 'unequal' to describe whether they have shared fairly or not. In theme, we have been looking at the differences between the past and the present. We have explored the different Monarchs that have ruled Britain, as well as how toys, clothes and inside our homes have changed. We have even made our own dolls out of dolly pegs and various art and craft materials like children did in the past.



Year 1

This week the children have shown such confidence in maths lessons. We have been exploring subtraction as difference, how this relates to addition and writing as number sentences. Thanks to those of you that came to our Maths workshop; we hope you found some useful ideas for helping your child at home. In English we are planning and writing a portal story based on 'Where the Wild Things Are'. Our character travels to a mystical land and meets some terrifying Wild Things! As part of a rather rainy Geography lesson, the children explored what they could see of Stoke Aldermoor from the playground gates and we discussed distinctive features, such as names of roads, the doctor's surgery and the church. Back in dry classrooms, they drew some fantastic maps to show the area surrounding Aldermoor Farm. A particular highlight of the lesson was using Google Earth to zoom in and out of the school, picking out Coventry, England and Europe as we did so. Maybe you would like to try doing this at home or look at other places around the world you may have visited or lived in? Try spotting the different continents and oceans together.

Year 2

In maths this week, we have been exploring different strategies for addition and subtraction including doubles, near doubles and rounding and adjusting. The children have enjoyed trying different ways of solving questions and using different resources. We also started our money topic where we explored coins and notes. Thank you to all the parents who attended our maths workshop to find out more about the maths we are doing in school. It was lovely to see so many of you! We have continued to look at the book 'Grandad's Island' in English lessons this week. We have focused on descriptions of the setting and characters, ready to write our own narratives



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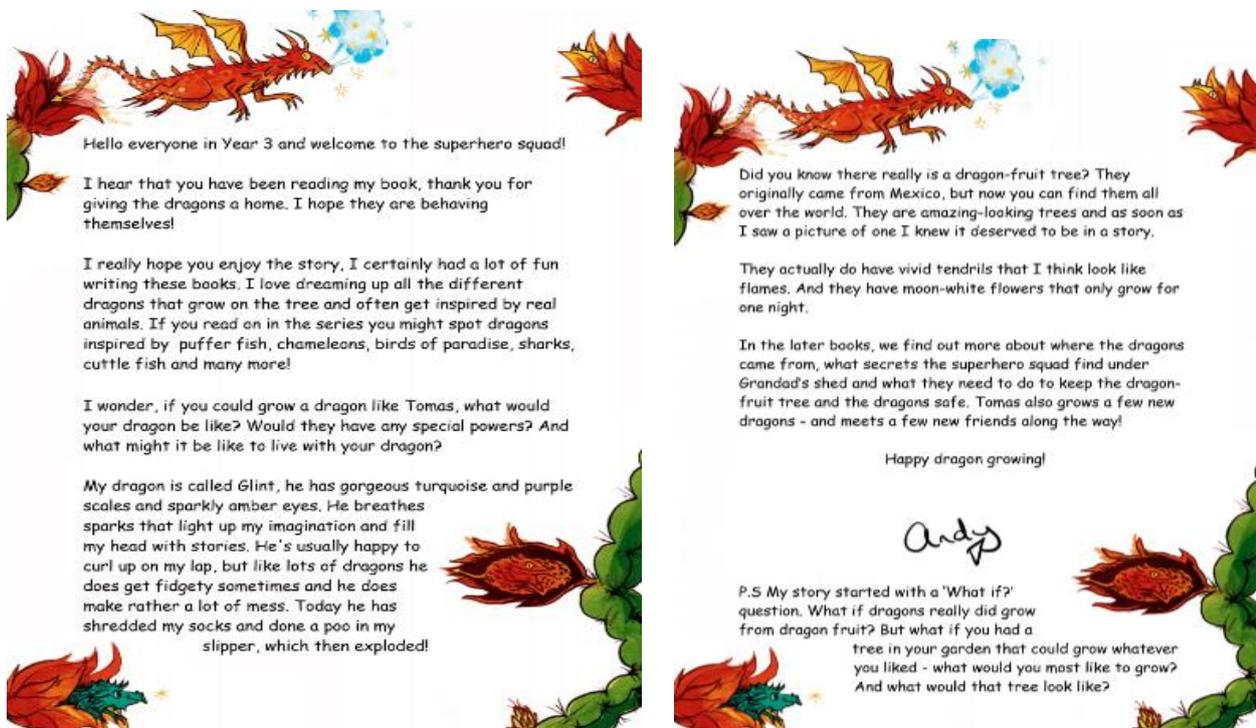
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next week. In history, we built on what we learnt about William the Conqueror last week by looking at the feudal system and the hierarchy that was in place. The children listened carefully and were able to explain this well. In art, the children have enjoyed exploring paint and colour mixing in their sketchbooks.

Year 3

This week has been very exciting for Year 3. In English, we have begun to explore our vehicle text 'Jemmy Button' in depth by looking at the writer's knowledge. In Maths, we finished a multiplication and division unit and next we will look at fractions. In art, we are learning about David Hockney. Online communication is one of the most important forms of communication and in computing we learnt a little about emails. This week we got a letter from Andy Shepherd. The children were so excited to read a letter from a famous author. Please have a read of the letter shared below. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to attend the Maths workshop this week. We hope you found it useful! Year 3 children were doing wonders not even in school but also outside the school. Girls from our year group went out to take part in the gymnastics competition. The girls were amazing, and they thoroughly enjoyed their journey from practising to the final competition. We will share the results as soon as we hear from the organisers.



Year 4



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What a busy week of learning it has been in Year 4. In Maths, we began our Decimals unit – we have used our prior knowledge of fractions to match up ‘tenths’ to a decimal of equal value. In English, we have been exploring the characters of Snow White and the evil witch, using adventurous vocabulary to describe them. In whole class reading, we have continued to read ‘The Abominables’ and our teachers have been truly wowed with our reading for fluency. It has been quite amusing to read about Agatha’s attempts to teach the yetis some manners and we were so impressed with how the yetis rescued the animals from the zoo! Finally, in science, we brought our sound unit to a close with an extremely loud and fun investigation into soundproofing.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy week of learning! In English, we have been exploring the text ‘The Promise’, where the children have been unpicking the text to identify the mood of the atmosphere. We have discovered that the atmosphere of the character narrative changes from negative to positive. In maths, we completed the angles unit of work. The children have discovered how to use protractors accurately to measure angles within shapes. Science was fun this week, as we investigated whether or not the earth is flat. Letters have been emailed out about our exciting trip to the Space Centre on Wednesday 13th March. Look out for the letter!

Year 6

We have looked at multiplication and division this week, ensuring we are securing our methods for multiplying and dividing by two digits. There has been some real improvement in long division, and that is lovely to see. In English, we have continued reading Shackleton’s Journey and have completed a diary based on the ship becoming stuck in the Weddell Sea. We also wrote a description of the sea.

Our science lesson was about ‘Living Things and Their Habitats’ and how we group animals. We then related that to our geography topic of Frozen Kingdoms. In geography itself, we researched features of the polar landscapes.

We have been focusing on our retrieval and inference skills in reading, and we have been working hard on improving these skills.

For parents of Year 6 children, a SATS workshop will take place on Wednesday 4th March. An email has been sent out to sign up for the presentation. It would be lovely to see you there!

Riley Class

Wow what a week Riley class has had. On Monday we attended a sports event at the Alan Higgs Centre. We had great fun taking part in the Archery event in which we had to shoot arrows across the pretend Moat to get a message to the castle. We are also excited to share that building work has begun in our learning room and we moved locations in school. We settled really well and joined our friends on the main playground too. This week our learning in Maths has been all about money. This has been fun as we have our own shop in class and can exchange coins, know their value and give change. What a busy week! Well done Riley class.

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: 90,603,679.

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

Word Millionaires

Fantastic news this week. We have **three** more Word Millionaires for this year – **Marley and Madalina (5HH) and Sejal (5NS)** Well done to all of you!

OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
YEAR 2		
Reeti	2LC	17,130
Jwana	2LC	16,523
Shreya	2ES	14,896
YEAR 3		
Adorable	3TG	49,170
T'aire	3MR	25,905
Nazim	3TG	21,732
YEAR 4		
Fatihah	4YS	35,099
Zoe	4EG	29,391
Diamond	4ZE	22,434
YEAR 5		
Madalina	5HH	198,227
Marley	5HH	190,858
Safiatou	5OI	138,528
YEAR 6		
Boubacar	6JC	405,303
Fatima	6KJ	270,847
Dragos	6KJ	257,154

*These figures are for 22/02/24 – 28/02/24

OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
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Boubacar	6JC	5,356,909
Henry	6JC	4,567,733
James	6JC	3,349,744
Olivia	6RH	2,565,721
Nina	6JC	2,546,209

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

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
2ES	45,432
2HW	47,685
2LC	52,130
3MR	56,691
3TG	113,256
3ZS	46,997
4EG	115,669
4YS	96,098
4ZE	72,984
5HH	581,675
5OI	409,387
5NS	242,256
6KJ	1,164,608
6JC	1,438,144
6RH	486,326

*These figures are for 22/02/24 – 28/02/24

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: Aland, Kouhei, Hanvika

Year 2: Rayyan, Shreya, Evelina

Year 3: Ilie, Dola, Sanabel



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Year 4: Abdul, Yusuf, Nabil

Year 5: Judah, Ava, Isla

Year 6: Gyan, Boubacar, Amelia

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

Year 1: Hanvika, Aland, Yafa

Year 2: Evelina, Rayyan, Olly

Year 3: Ilie, Dola, Hunida

Year 4: Joanna, Abdul, Yusuf

Year 5: Judah, Maitaishe, Isla

Year 6: Gyan, Miya, Amelia

World Book Day 2024

On Thursday next week (7th March) we will be celebrating World Book Day. Across the day, there will be lots of opportunities for the children to celebrate and engage in reading at school. These will include assemblies and a 'Design a Book Token' competition. At the end of the day, your child will come home with a book voucher, which they will be able to exchange for one of the special World Book Day books. These books are available from most book shops and supermarkets.

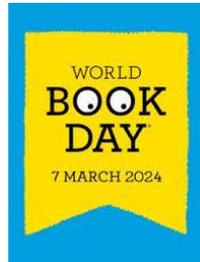
Just a reminder, there will be no dressing up for World Book Day and children should come in their usual school uniform.



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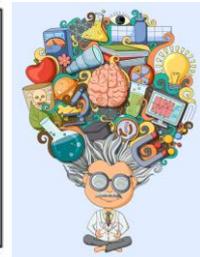


Oracy Home Challenge

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: If you could invent something to make people's lives easier, what would you invent?

Sentence stems: I would invent... My idea is... This would be helpful because...

Maths Home Challenge

[This week's home challenge](#)



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Roly poly

The dots on opposite faces of a dice add up to 7.

1. Imagine rolling one dice.

The score is the total number of dots you can see.

You score 17.

Which number is face down?

How did you work out your answer?



2. Imagine rolling two dice.

The dice do not touch each other.



The score is the total number of dots you can see.

Which numbers are face down to score 30?

Solution of the last week's challenge

How Old is Granny Puzzle

Our Solution:

Tom's Granny is 58 years old. Let's see why:

First child born: Granny is 19

Second child born: Granny is 23 (19 + 4)

Third child born: Granny is 27 (23 + 4)

Fourth child born: Granny is 31 (27 + 4)

Fifth child born: Granny is 35 (31 + 4)



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Sixth child born: Granny is 39 (35 + 4)
Sixth child is 19: Granny is 58 (39 + 19)

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.

School nurse workshops

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>

Sleep

How do I get my child to sleep. This link can help with looking at your routine, and general sleep hygiene. [How do I get my child to sleep? - The Super Tutors - 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: 93.0%
Our Attendance to date: 93.4%

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

6RH (Zephyr)	97%
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5HH (Rover)	96%
5OI (Starley)	99%
6JC (Viking)	99%
2LC (Cooper)	96%
2HW (Chrysler)	97%
3TG (Hillman)	98%
1LH (Arden)	95%

Excellent work, everyone! Well done for having great attendance!

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. Our attendance is higher than last week and is still higher than last year and we really want to keep it that way. So, let's work together to promote excellent attendance!

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: Andre, Oliver, Shiyaz

Year 1: Taahaa, Tanisha, Yafa

Year 2: Alexis, Yusef, Huda

Year 3: Romeo, Lilian, Nathen

Year 4: Nifor, Maisie, Lucy

Year 5: Riyashri, Sejal, Ekaa

Year 6: Lukasz, Alisia, Anastazja

Riley Class: Jobanjeet

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 -

Year 1: Ava, Alisa, Sareehaa



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Year 2: Charlie, Daniella, Nandikesh

Year 3: Harrison, Sisisakna, Sarrinah

Year 4: Liam-James, Mohammed, Nadrah

Year 5: Isla, Ruby, Anne

Year 6: Dhansuhaa, Jaden, Mlak

Riley Class: Jobanjeet

Events

March

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

Wednesday 13th March – Year 5 Visit to the Space Centre

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day (Comic strip competition – school will provide the template for this. 3pm cake sale on the playground)

Tuesday 19th March – Year 1 visit to St John's Museum in Warwick

Wednesday 21st March – KS2 Decorate an Egg. Entries to be brought into school

Friday 23rd March – Early Years and KS1 Easter bonnet parade in school

Diary Dates

Term dates

Spring 2 Term dates



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Ends on 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