



Resilient Aspirational Courageous

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2024

Message from Mrs Wright

What a fantastic week it has been! On Wednesday, Clare Balding came to visit our school and spoke to the children about the importance of being resilient, aspirational and courageous. We were all a little bit star struck – including the staff. She said,

"My message to you is to find something that gives you 'electricity', whether it is in sport, art, drama, music or business and work out how you can contribute to your team. Think big, be brave and be honest with yourselves."

Clare commented on what a wonderfully welcoming school Alder Moor Farm is. She enjoyed the Year 6 presentation about sport at the school and was very impressed with the wide range of sports the children take part in.

Yesterday, we celebrated world book day in school and were fortunate to have some books donated to the school from World of Books #WOB. These will look great in our library, so thank you.

Thank you to those mothers and other relatives that came to our Early years' events – it was great to see so many of you. Happy Mother's day this weekend for any Mums celebrating.

I know many of our families will be preparing for Ramadan over the next few days, Ramadan Mubarak to those of you preparing.

We hope you have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.



Events next week:

Day	Events
Monday	
Tuesday	9:00 – Y4 Maths Workshop
Wednesday	Y5 Space Centre Trip



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		Year 3 Writing visit for some children Gymnastics Competition and Football match
Thursday		9:00 – Reception Writing workshop
Friday		

This week at Alder Moor Farm

Nursery

This week we have been continuing to learn about families. We have been learning how families are all different, but they all have one thing in common which is love. As Ramadan approaches, we have been reading the books I love Mama's Hijab and What Colour is my Hijab. Some children have been sharing that their Mum wears a hijab. The children have also had fun trying on different scarves and khimars.

Reception

This week, we have continued looking at the theme `Long Ago`. We have read and talked about the book `Coming to England` which was written by Floella Benjamin. This story is about her journey to England from Trinidad, as part of the Windrush generation and how she met Queen Elizabeth and became a Baroness. We have also talked about our families and drawn our own family trees. In maths, we have been continuing to learn our number bonds to 5. It has been brilliant to see more children reading at home – this really does make such a difference to their confidence! Please sign your child's planner when they have read with you so we can see the fantastic reading they are doing at home.



Year 1



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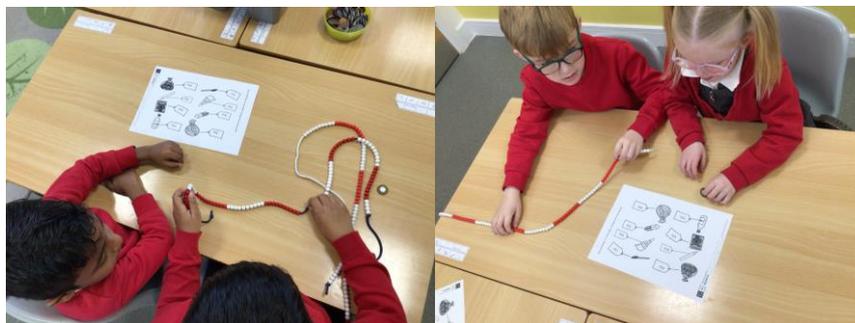
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Year 1 have written so much in English this week! It's amazing to see their stamina grow as we write our 'Where the Wild Things Are' stories. Several children are completing a whole page of writing per day, and we hope they are suitably proud of the end results. In maths, we have explored finding half and quarter of objects and quantities. This included folding shapes, cutting slices of bread, and sharing items at a picnic. In Geography we developed our fieldwork skills by exploring maps and photographs of Stoke Aldermoor. The children spotted human and physical features and loved discussing the places they recognised. If the children knew the name of the road they lived on, then we were able to find their house on Streetview - this was so much fun! Please discuss this with them at home and we can look at more next week; knowing their address is a great safety tip too.



Year 2

In English lessons this week, the children have written their own return narratives where two characters travel to a new place and one of them decides to stay when the other returns. They have used some excellent vocabulary and sentence types, including exclamation sentences and questions. The children have continued to work hard on their handwriting and presentation, so their narratives look fantastic in their English books. We have continued to read 'The Hodgeheg' in whole-class reading lessons. The children are loving the book so far and can't wait to find out how Max the hedgehog gets on with his investigation! In maths, we continued to learn about money. We used different coins and notes to make amounts and even practised giving change from £1, using a bead string to calculate how much change was needed.





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Year 3

In maths, we started a new topic 'Fractions' and began to plan a return narrative. Children have learnt to mix different warm colours to create their own colour palette that they used to paint a volcano background on the calico fabric. In Spanish we were learning about verbs. The children were able to use actions to help them remember each one. We had a special visitor 'Clare Balding' in our school and after her visit lots of children said that they wanted to be a broadcaster or a sports person. It was certainly an afternoon to remember!

Year 4

Year 4 have worked really hard this week. We have now written our twisted narratives and the children's stories were fantastic. We had Rapunzel being charmed with magic, turning evil and even deciding that she didn't love the prince after all. In maths, we have continued learning about decimals looking at tenths and hundredths (0.1 and 0.01). Our times tables scores are improving which is wonderful and more children are using Century. Keep up the good work! We have had two very special events happen this week. Clare Balding came in to talk to us about resilience and she really made us laugh. Lastly, World Book Day was enjoyable as we all decorated bookmarks to enter them into a national competition. Fingers crossed we win!

Year 5

It was all about books this week in Year 5! On Monday, the children attended a livestream assembly with Puffin Schools and learned about new and upcoming books from Robin Stevens and Dr Sheila Khanani (who shared interesting facts about astrophysics and animals in space). It was lovely to learn about the contents of some of the books they can get with their World Book Day voucher. On Wednesday, we were buzzing with excitement during the assembly with Clare Balding. Her enthusiasm and excellent presenting skills encouraged children to find and read her books about animals. On Thursday, the children designed their own World Book Day vouchers to enter a national competition. We hope one of our designs will be selected for next year! In maths, we were learning to multiply fractions and to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions. These are foundational skills - please, encourage your child to practise them on Century Learning. Both children and adults are looking forward to our upcoming trip to the Space Centre on Wednesday. Please, make sure that you have filled in the permission (either online or paper version) for your child. We would like to wish all mums, grandmothers and other female carers a Happy Mother's Day and hope you will have a wonderful celebration on Sunday!



Year 6



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Year 6 have had another week of focus and hard work! Maths has been revision on fractions, decimals and percentages. We have revisited fractions and percentages of amounts, adding and subtracting fractions, multiplying and dividing fractions, and completed arithmetic and reasoning activities around these areas. In English, we have written our endurance narratives that focused on a member of the Shackleton expedition to cross Antarctica. The story concentrated on the section when the ship became trapped by ice, and the children wrote narratives from their chosen character's perspective. Some even chose to be the ship itself! In other news, Year 6 had the opportunity to meet the author and presenter, Clare Balding. After she spoke to the children in a special assembly, Year 6 remained to ask her questions, and some children delivered a presentation on sports at Alder Moor Farm!

Assessment week begins on Monday for Year 6. It is the final mock week before the SATs in May. As a reminder, it is worth noting that every child has been given a SATS maths and reading book to work on at home. Century is also available, of course, and the children can work through their personal pathways to help them in their learning.

Riley Class

Riley class have worked hard this week. In English, we are segmenting and blending CVC words and in our story Grandad's Island we have been creating character and setting descriptions. In maths, we have been developing our knowledge of money. We can exchange coins for items, use a combination of them to pay for them and work out how much change is needed. In R.E we have been learning about the Easter story. We have been visiting the builders this week to watch our classroom transform. It is so exciting to see that two rooms have become one bigger room. We had a super class discussion when deciding which floor and paint colour we all preferred.

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: 96,307,990.

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

Word Millionaires

Fantastic news this week. We now have **25** Word Millionaires. Well done to Kavisha (5OI) and Shaylan (6KJ) for reaching this milestone!

OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
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YEAR 2		
Khalid	2ES	60,775
Shreya	2ES	41,523
Olly	2HW	37,568
YEAR 3		
Sanabel	3TG	92,535
Nataliya	3MR	58,626
Regan	3TG	43,448
YEAR 4		
Jaweriyah	4YS	119,305
Stephanie	4EG	30,644
Nifor	4EG	25,998
YEAR 5		
Kavisha	5OI	206,274
Zara	5OI	89,660
Safiatou	5OI	73,206
YEAR 6		
Haneen	6JC	457,369
Henry	6JC	374,589
Wisam	6JC	257,154

*These figures are for 29/02/24 – 06/03/24

OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
Boubacar	6JC	5,581,488
Henry	6JC	4,942,322
James	6JC	3,537,351
Olivia	6RH	2,744,066
Nina	6JC	2,678,826

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

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
2ES	116,755
2HW	63,169
2LC	26,671
3MR	121,892
3TG	237,809



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3ZS	64,043
4EG	127,570
4YS	180,333
4ZE	70,686
5HH	314,965
5OI	727,871
5NS	158,191
6KJ	743,014
6JC	2,248,690
6RH	303,006

*These figures are for 29/02/24 – 06/03/24

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: Kouhei, Hanvika, Aland

Year 2: Rayyan, Shreya, Evelina

Year 3: Ilie, Dola, Dan

Year 4: Abdul, Nabil, Yusuf

Year 5: Judah, Ava, Enoch

Year 6: Henry, Wisam, Fatima

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

Year 1: Hanvika, Yafa, Aland

Year 2: Evelina, Rayyan, Merlin

Year 3: Ilie, Nataliya, Dola



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Year 4: Joanna, Abdul, Muhammed

Year 5: Judah, Enoch, Ava

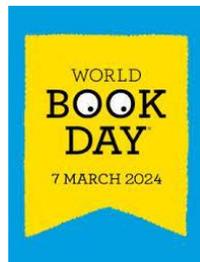
Year 6: Gyan, Henry, Aymen

World Book Day 2024 – DESIGN A BOOK TOKEN COMPETITION

To celebrate World Book Day this year, all of our children have entered a competition to design a gift card for a chance to win money to spend on books.

This year's theme is 'READ YOUR WAY'. Every reader is different, and there is no right or wrong way to enjoy reading.

As well as submitting the entries for the actual competition, we will be judging the children's drawings in school, with the chance to win house points for the winners in each class.



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?



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

Maths Home Challenge

[This week's home challenge](#)

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:



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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)
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.

Social Media

We are responding to an increasing number of incidents that are occurring online. Whilst there are many benefits to pupils having access to the online world, it comes with many risks, especially if their use is unsupervised. Studies have found that excessive use of social media increases a young person's susceptibility to depression, anxiety, poor body image and self-worth. It can also impact a child's sleep routine, which in turn can affect their ability to concentrate and thrive in school.

Age restrictions of Social Media Apps

Below are the age restrictions for the most popular apps:

What's App—16 years +

Instagram—13 years +

Facebook—13 years +

Snapchat—13 years +

TikTok—13 Years +

Parent online safety support

[How to manage your child's online world without clashing - BBC Bitesize](#)



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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% (no change from last week)

Our Attendance to date: 93.4% (no change from last week)

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

6JC (Viking)	97%
2LC (Cooper)	99%
3TG (Hillman)	96%
1EM (Austin)	99%
3MR (Alvis)	96%
4EG (Jaguar)	97%

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: Nieroshan, Sinam, Grithvick

Year 1: Christie, Sultan, Sareehaa

Year 2: Merlin, Alfie, Ibrahim

Year 3: Raheema, Zion, Imogen



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Year 4: Adeline, Finley, Lasritha

Year 5: Kelsie-Leigh, Lyla-Mae, Amelia

Year 6: Tawseef, Jaden, Alisa

Riley Class: David

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: Catalina, Saalihah, Maya

Year 2: Katie, Neev, Jwana

Year 3: Dola, Paulus, Nathan

Year 4: Lulua, Jack, Sameer

Year 5: Alisa, Abdullatif, Livia

Year 6: Tyler, Duncan, Amarachi

Riley Class: David

Events

March

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



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Diary Dates

Term dates

Spring 2 Term dates

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