

# Year 2 Newsletter



Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success

## Autumn Term 1

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
to  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Theme – Yo, ho, ho me hearties!**

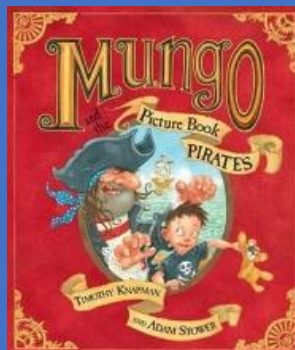
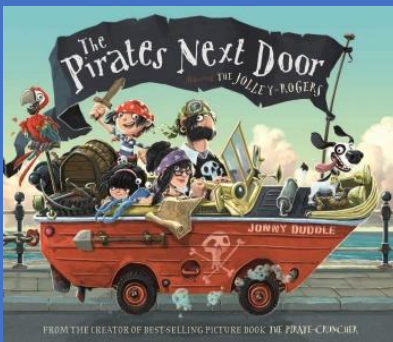
Welcome back! We hope you and your children have had a lovely time over the summer break and have been able to relax and enjoy quality time together ready for the exciting term ahead. The children have settled in beautifully into their new classes and we have had a lovely first few days back in class. The children look so smart in their new school uniforms and it looks like lots of them have grown over the Summer too!

## Our School Values

**Achieve      Care      Value      Listen      Help**

This term, we will be looking at our “Care” and “Help” school values. We will be reading the “Little People, Big Dreams” book about Marcus Rashford. We will learn how he helped millions of children and families during lockdown, when he campaigned for free school meals. Marcus is a famous football player but no matter how successful he became, he never forgot where he came from and his experience as a hungry child. Marcus took it upon himself to lead a nation-wide campaign to ensure that no child would go without food. He is inspirational and an excellent role model.

## What will we read this half term?



Linking with our pirate theme, this half term we will be reading The Pirates Next Door, Mungo and The Pirate Cruncher. These stories will not only help us to develop a love of reading, but they will help us with our writing ideas and text styles.

## What will we learn this half term?

Please note that all of the Curriculum Overviews for each subject can be found on the school website. These contain detailed outlines of the coverage and rationales for teaching. Please take time to read them.

### English

*The Jolley-Rogers – a pirate family are moving to Dull-on-Sea, a quiet seaside town. Stopping to fix up their ship, this unusual family get the whole neighbourhood spreading rumours. Defying the grown-ups, Matilda from next door decides to become friends with the youngest pirate son. What adventures will Matilda and her new pirate friend get up to?*

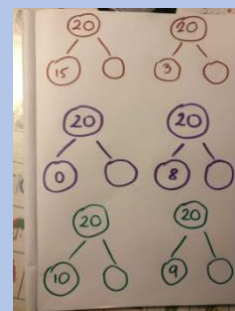
We will use the book 'The Pirates Next Door' by Jonny Duddle to create our own version of a pirate adventure story. We will focus on sentence construction, spelling high frequency words correctly and the use of descriptive language. In year 2, we also develop our understanding and use of interesting and exciting vocabulary, we will have vocabulary lessons, where we share stories, learn new vocabulary and use this in our own writing. Daily phonic sessions will also take place.

### Maths

In maths, over the next few weeks, we will learn:

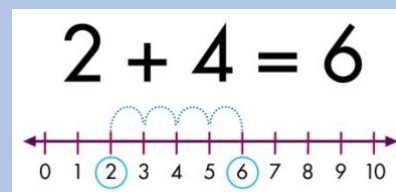
#### Place Value

- Count objects to 100 and read and write numbers in numerals and words
- Represent numbers to 100
- Tens and ones with a part whole model
- Tens and ones using addition
- Use a place value chart
- Compare objects
- Compare numbers
- Order objects and numbers
- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Count in 3s



#### Addition and subtraction

- Fact families – Addition and subtraction bonds to 20
- Check calculations
- Compare number sentences
- Related facts
- Bonds to 100
- Add and subtract 1s
- 10 more and 10 less
- Add and subtract 10s
- Add a 2-digit and 1-digit number – crossing ten
- Subtract a 1-digit number from a 2-digit number – crossing ten
- Add two 2-digit numbers – not crossing ten – add ones and add tens
- Add two 2-digit numbers – crossing ten – add ones and add tens
- Subtract a 2-digit number from a 2-digit number – not crossing ten
- Subtract a 2-digit number from a 2-digit number – crossing ten – subtract ones and tens
- Bonds to 100 (tens and ones)
- Add three 1-digit numbers



## **Science**

In science, we will investigate 'Materials and their Properties'. The children will learn to identify and name everyday materials, identify different uses of everyday materials, record their observations, demonstrate and explain how shapes of objects made from some materials can be changed, explain what recycling means and why it is important.

## **Research Topic**

In Geography, we will be learning about Continents and Oceans. We will learn about the location of countries, continents and oceans of the world in relation to the position of the United Kingdom and children's own locality. Children will develop global awareness by looking in detail at the position of the seven continents and five oceans of the world, understanding that the world is spherical and creating their own journeys across the world. Children continue to build on their map skills developed in Year 1 using atlases, world maps and globes more widely, along with using aerial photographs to recognise human and physical features including landmarks.



## **Design and Technology**

In DT this term, we will be looking at structures. We will research different types of materials and look at their properties. We will learn new vocabulary to describe the properties of these materials. We will design and make a structure that will be used for Baby Bear's chair.

## **Art**

In art we will be looking at painting and mixed media. Our topic is called "Beside the Seaside" and we will create seaside scenes using paint and other materials.

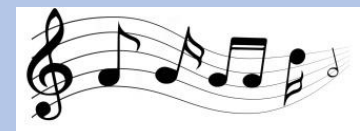


## **SEAL, PSHE**

Our PSHE topic is "Being Me in My World". We will learn how we fit into the school community and the wider World. We will begin to understand how and why we are special and the similarities and differences between people.

## **Music**

Our Music topic is called "Hands, Feet, Heart" All the learning is focused around one song: Hands, Feet, Heart. We will learn the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch). We will sing and play instruments.



## **PE**

This half term, our PE lessons will be led by our school sports coach every Thursday afternoon. We will take part in a range of activities, which will help us to develop our team building skills. We will also focus on games for understanding which include how to work and play as a team. We will learn leadership and

co-operation skills. PE kits consist of a plain white T-shirt, plain black shorts and either pumps or trainers and can be kept at school in your child's locker.

### **Homework**

Within the first few days of the new term your child will be assessed in reading. They will then be given a reading book which is closely matched to their reading ability. This book will be your child's reading book for the whole week, they will be expected to read the same book each day in order to improve fluency. Your child should also be able to answer questions about the book to check comprehension. Children are expected to read to an adult each night for around 10 minutes.

Alongside reading, your child will be given a list of spellings (stapled into their reading record) to learn for that half term. These are called common exception words, and children should be able to read and write these words by the end of the half term. In the next half term, your child will be given a new set of spellings (common exception words) to learn. There will be no formal testing of these spellings but we would like to see these words being spelt correctly in your child's written work. Your child will also come home with a Numbots login, so that they can practise number skills at home.

### **Thank you**

We really look forward to the term ahead. If you need to get in touch, please write a note in your child's reading record, or speak to a member of staff on the door at pick-up or drop-off time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Haygarth and Miss Manning (Year 2 Teachers)