

Year 3 Newsletter



Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success

Autumn Term 1

Wednesday 6th September 2023

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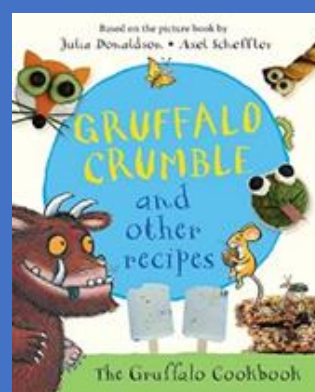
Friday 20th October 2023

Theme – 'Food, glorious food!'

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 some sunshine ready for the exciting term ahead.

To develop a love of reading, please read to your child and encourage them to read to you. Your child will receive a reading book and can change it as soon as they have read it. Please support your child to record reading sessions in their reading diary.

The children will be learning about eating healthily and seasonally. Also, some of our French learning will be related to food, including the story of La Chenille qui fais des trous (The Very Hungry Caterpillar)



This term, our class novels will be:

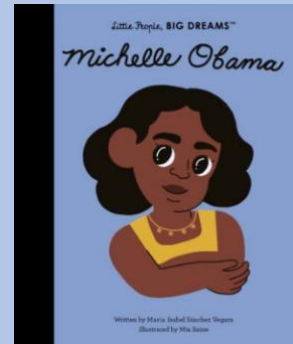
George's Marvellous Medicine - George wants to teach his grumpy grandma a lesson so when it comes to medicine time George creates a marvellous medicine.

The Room on the Broom Cookbook and Gruffalo Crumble – both these books are filled with exciting recipes based on Julia Donaldson's brilliant books. We will be reading the recipes and following the instructions to make some interesting foods.

Our School Values

Achieve **Care** **Value** **Listen** **Help**

Our focus for this half term's value is 'Achieve'. As we are learning about North America, we will be looking at the achievements of Michelle Obama and how she demonstrated our school values of caring, helping and achieving.



English

In English, we will be writing setting and character descriptions then moving on to write a set of instructions. We will be using the rhymes from George's Marvellous Medicine to write our own poems.

Our guided reading will focus on a range of decoding and questions which will help us to understand a range of different texts. We will use the Reading Gem questions to predict, summarise, retrieve, define, sequence, explore, compare and relate our reading text.

We will be recapping phonics sounds and spellings from Year 2 as well as learning new spelling patterns.



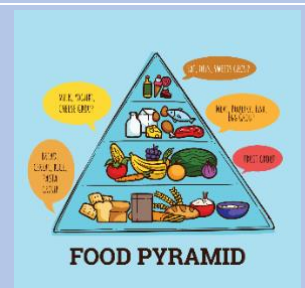
Maths

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

- Understand and use Place Value
- Representing numbers to 1000
- Comparing and ordering numbers
- Partitioning numbers to 1000
- Counting in steps of 25, 50 and 100
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Estimating
- Problem solving

Science

In our science work, we will be learning about the different food groups and the nutrition that they provide us. We will understand the impact the different food groups have on the human body, then we will design our own healthy menus.



Research

Geography – North America

This half term, we will be locating North America on a map, identifying the countries of North America, exploring the Rocky Mountain range and much much more.



Design Technology



In Design and Technology, we will be looking at foods that are in season. The children will be designing and creating different recipes using fruit and vegetables that are in season. The fun part is that they will get a chance to taste the different foods!

Music

This half term, the children will be listening to, appraising and improvising music based on the song 'Let your Spirit Fly.'

PE

In PE, we will be looking at different the skills involved in basketball. The children will work on their own, in pairs and small groups to develop their knowledge and understanding of invasion games.

Our PE lesson is on a Wednesday, please remember to have a school PE kit (plain white T-shirt and plain black shorts) in school at all times.



Art



We will be looking at the drawings and illustrations of Quentin Blake. Using pen, pencil and watercolours we will have a go at drawing in Blake's style.

Linked to our science and DT, we will look at different still life artists as well as the famous Andy Warhol and his tin of condensed soups! We will read about his life and discuss his long

lasting achievements too.



French

We will start learning French this half term! Our topic is 'Greetings' and we will learn new vocabulary for greeting different people at different times of the day or night. We will practise using these in conversations to build up our confidence and begin to ask each other how we are feeling. Using the phrase 'Je m'appelle....', we will learn how to introduce ourselves, then after learning numbers 0-10, we will be able to say how old we are.

PSHE

The unit for this term is: 'Being Me in My World.' We will understand how to value ourselves and others. We will recognise how it feels to be happy, sad or scared and identify if others are feeling these emotions. We will understand that our behaviour brings rewards / consequences.



Homework

A piece of English and Maths will usually be given every Friday, in a homework folder. This should be returned by the following Wednesday. In addition, there will be a times tables and spelling to learn for a 'test' on the following Friday. Please support your child by listening to them read as often as possible.

Thank you

We really look forward to the term ahead. If you need to get in touch, please see a member of staff at the door and we will make an appointment as soon as possible. Alternatively, send in a brief note and we will be in contact as soon as we can.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Oakes and Miss Fell