

Year 5 Newsletter



Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success

Autumn Term 2

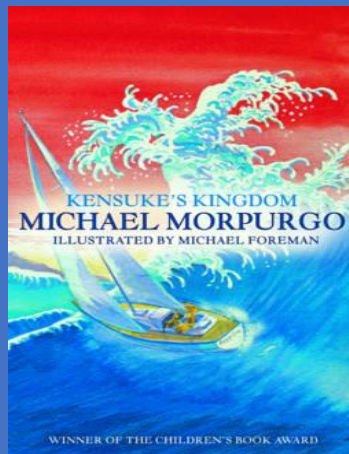
**Tuesday 31st October 2023
to
Tuesday 19th December 2023**



Theme – Mighty Mountains



What will we read this half term?



[Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo](#)

Washed up on an island in the Pacific, Michael struggles to survive on his own. With no food and no water, he curls up to die. When he wakes, there is a plate beside him of fish, fruit and a bowl of fresh water. He is not alone...

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 subject coverage. Please take time to read them.

English

Our English unit will cover a range of activities which provide opportunities for reading and writing using the novel *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. Your children will be writing balanced arguments, ship logs and a narrative in the style of the book, as well as using their Reading Gems to help their comprehension of this well-loved story.



We will also complete weekly spelling and handwriting activities too.

Maths

In Maths, we will be working on the following areas:

- Mental strategies for adding and subtracting
- Adding/subtracting whole numbers with more than four digits
- Rounding to check answers
- Inverse operations
- Multi-step problems
- Comparing calculations
- Finding missing numbers.

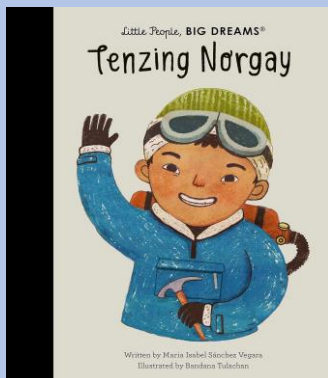


We will also be revising our multiplication and division facts, using the Times Table Rockstars website, which can also be accessed at home. Children have been given their login details and have been shown how to access the resources from home.

Science

Our Properties and Changes of Materials unit will teach your children about different materials, their uses and their properties, as well as dissolving, separating mixtures and irreversible changes. Finally, they will conclude the unit with a surprise enrichment activity.

Research Topic - Geography



This half-term, we will be researching 'Mountains'. This Geography unit includes learning about the major mountains of the world and the UK, plus having the opportunity to consider what the weather is like in a mountainous environment.

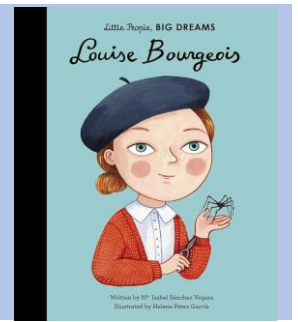
We will read the story of Tenzing Norgay, one of the first two people to reach the summit of Mount Everest in 1953. When Tenzing was young, he spent much of his childhood tending to the family's yaks and gazing up at the Himalaya mountains, dreaming of the day he would reach the top.

SEAL, PSHE

Our whole-school PHSE theme is Celebrating Difference. The children will be considering important issues such as racism, cultural conflict and bullying whilst celebrating difference across the world.

Art

In Art, we will be learning about the features of installation art and how it can communicate a message. We will also be exploring the work of Cai Guo-Qiang and Louis Bourgeois and discover how our life experiences can inspire our art.



Music

Our music learning is focused around the style of jazz music. This is an intergrated approach to music where games, the dimensions of music, singing and playing instruments are all linked. The learning will be centred around two jazz songs and the children will have the opportunity to improvise a Three Note Bossa and a Five Note Swing.our art.

PE

Year 5 are continuing with their swimming lessons this half-term, plus developing their hockey skills with our sports coach.

Please note that no jewellery of any kind will be allowed in the swimming pool.



Computing

Learners will develop their knowledge and understanding of using a computer to produce 3D models. They will initially familiarise themselves with working in a 3D space, moving, resizing, and duplicating objects. They will then create hollow objects using placeholders and combine multiple objects to create a model. Finally, learners will examine the benefits of grouping and ungrouping 3D objects, and then go on to plan, develop, and evaluate their own 3D model.

Foreign Languages

Our French unit is Pets & the Farm where the children will build a bank of animal nouns for their core vocabulary and through speaking and listening opportunities, begin to use these in simple phrases. Colours will also be revised and size adjectives added so that descriptions of animals can be read and written.

Design & Technology

The children are going to build on their knowledge of mechanical systems to plan and create a pop-up book based on our English text, Kensuke's Kingdom. They will use a range of mechanisms and structures to illustrate their story and make it interactive for the readers.

Homework

Your children will continue to recieve a piece of English and Maths homework every week and are expected to practise for their weekly spelling and times tables/division tests. We ask that you encourage your children to read at home and to please check and sign their times-tables, spelling and Reading Record books weekly.

We also recommend using the Times Table Rockstars website, which can be accessed at home, to support children in their learning of multiplication and division facts.



We really look forward to the half 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 classroom door who will be happy to answer any queries.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Coles, Miss Hind, Mrs. Newton & Miss Neale.