

# Year 5 Newsletter



Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success  
Summer Term 1

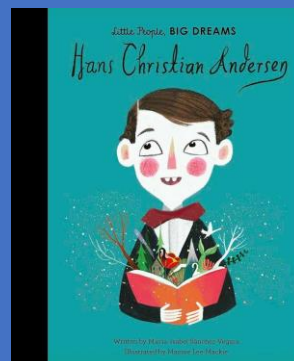
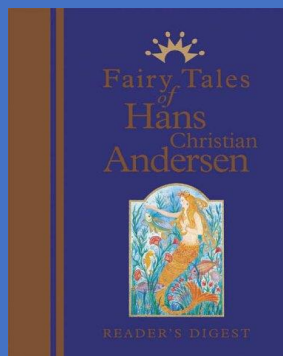
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
to  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024



Theme – Exploring Europe



**What will we read this half term?**



Classic Fairy Tales by Hans Christian Andersen

**'The Fairy Tales of Hans Christian Andersen' is a magnificent collection of his most magical works, including 'The Little Mermaid', 'The Emperor's New Clothes' and 'The Ugly Duckling'. Anderson remains best-known for his exquisite fairy tales which have been delighting both adults and children for over 150 years.**

**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 our 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 a range of Hans Christian Andersen's short stories. The children will be creatively writing persuasive pieces, diary entries and comprehensive reading tasks.

Our SPaG objectives also include; writing in first person, using dialogue to advance the action, adverbials of time and place, using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis and past and progressive tense.

We will also complete weekly Guided Reading, spelling and handwriting activities too.

## Maths

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

- convert equivalent fractions to decimals
- compare and order decimal numbers
- round decimals to the nearest whole number and 1 decimal place
- understand percentages
- convert percentages to decimals and fractions
- find the perimeter of a rectangle and polygon
- find the area of a rectangle and compound shape



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.

## Design Technology

This unit is all about building bridges. The children will identify stronger and weaker structures, find different ways to reinforce structures, and create a range of beam and arch bridge designs.

## Research - Geography

This half-term, we will be finding out about Europe. The children will be able to locate some of Europe's countries and capitals, explore different European cuisine and compare life in Athens with their life and local area. In addition to this, they will find out about the Mediterranean.

## Music

Our music learning is focused around the song: 'Dancing in the Street'. This is an intergrated approach to music where games, the dimensions of music, singing and playing instruments are all linked. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other Motown songs.

## SEAL, PSHCE

Our whole-school PHSE theme is Relationships. The children will be considering characteristics of themselves and attributes of personal qualities and self esteem. The children will be discussing how to solve friendship problems, showing respect and what makes a good friendship.

## Art

The children will be looking at architecture. They will be using basic shapes to place key features, form the composition and measuring to work out proportions. They will show understanding of what a monument is for by designing a structure that symbolises a person or event.

## Computing

This unit gives children the opportunity to learn how to create short videos in groups. They will develop the skills of capturing, editing, and manipulating video by working in small groups to investigate the use of devices and software. At the conclusion of the unit, learners have the opportunity to reflect on and assess their progress in creating a video.

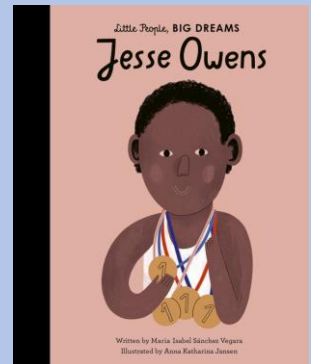
## PE

The PE coach will be teaching athletics. In this unit, they will be learning to consolidate their sprinting skills (running a personal best) and evaluating their performance. Moreover, the pupils will be introduced to hurdles, shotput and relay events. As part of our work in Athletics, we will be sharing the story of Jesse Owens: the historic and barrier-breaking track and field star, who went on to challenge racism on the world stage at the 1936 Berlin Olympics.



Year 5 are also continuing with their swimming lessons this term.

Please note that no jewellery of any kind will be allowed in the swimming pool or P.E. sessions. If your child has recently had their ears pierced and cannot take them out, we kindly ask that you provide tape or plasters to cover them up.



## Foreign Languages

This 'Family & Friends' unit will teach the children how to identify and introduce family and pets and spell their names. They will also learn the names for places in their own home.

In our French work this half term, we are going to learn new vocabulary to talk about our families. We will be able to say and write who lives with us and who is important, as well as using our knowledge to read French texts and answer questions. Then we will begin to describe our family members by saying their names and ages.

## Homework

Your children will continue to receive 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