

Year 5 Newsletter



Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success
Summer Term 2

Monday 10th June 2024
to
Friday 26th July 2024

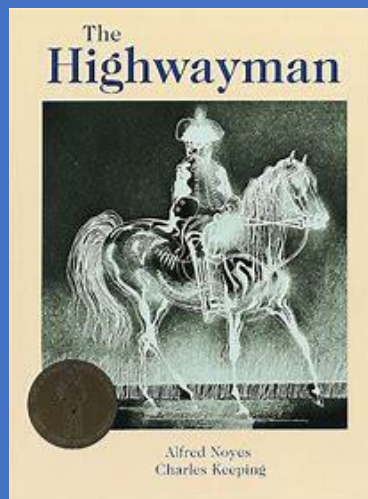


Theme – Guilty!

Crime and Punishment through the Ages



What will we read this half term?



The Highway Man by Alfred Noyes

"The Highwayman" is a romantic ballad and narrative poem set in 18th century England about an unnamed highway man who falls in love. This poem explores themes of love, loss and death, and is charged with drama as we ride with the highwayman and recoil from the terrible fate that befalls him and his sweetheart Bess, the landlord's daughter.

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 of our learning. 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 classic poem, The Highwayman. The children will be creating their own poem based on the themes raised by the text (love, death, loyalty and betrayal). They will also get to perform their play script.

Our SPaG objectives include; adverbial complex sentences, present perfect tense, active voice and poetic devices (metaphor, onomatopoeia, repetition, etc.)

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

Maths

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

- classifying, estimating and measuring angles up to 180°
- calculating angles around a point and on a straight line
- regular and irregular polygons
- 3D shapes
- reading, plotting and problem solving with co-ordinates
- translation, reflection and lines of symmetry
- converting units of measure
- converting between metric and imperial units
- converting units of time



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

This unit is all about forces. The children will learn about types of forces such as gravity, friction, water resistance and air resistance. They will have the opportunity to design their own investigation to test out these forces and learn about the findings of scientists such as Isaac Newton.

Research - History

This half-term, we will be finding out about crime and punishment through the ages. The children will deepen their historical awareness and understanding of how our past is constructed through studying the famous highwayman Dick Turpin.

In addition, the unit will teach the children to develop their chronological knowledge beyond 1066 through studying this aspect of social history.



Music

Our music learning is focused on Reflect, Rewind and Replay. This is an integrated approach to music where games, the dimensions of music, singing and playing instruments are all linked. This unit also consolidates the learning that has occurred during the year.

PSHCE

Our whole-school PHSE theme is Changing Me. The children will be considering how to express how they feel when things change, respect when others change and know when to ask for help when things change.

Art

We will be looking at painting & mixed media: portraits. They will be creating a self-portrait that aims to represent something about them. They will be trying a variety of materials and compositions for the backgrounds of their drawings. The children will also show understanding by experimenting with materials and techniques when adapting their photo portraits.

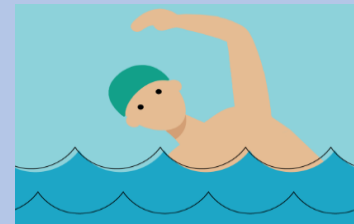
As part of our work in mixed-media, we will be sharing the story of Pablo Picasso: one of the most influential artists of the 20th century. He went on to inspire many movements in art, music and literature, which we can still see today.



PE

This term the children will be developing their balance skills in Gymnastics. In the unit, the children will be evaluating their performance, developing their skills on the apparatus, learning about counter tension and sequence completion.

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.



Computing

In this unit, pupils develop their knowledge of selection by revisiting how conditions can be used in programs and then learning how the If... Then... Else structure can be used to select different outcomes depending on whether a condition is true or false. They will use their knowledge of writing programs and using selection to control outcomes to design a quiz in response to a given task.

French

This 'School Life' unit will teach the children how to say key vocabulary and phrases around the theme of school. They will learn vocabulary for school places and classroom objects; they will also combine learning to express preferences about activities and school subjects.

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.