

# Year 2 Newsletter



Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success

## Spring Term 1

7<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
to  
14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## Theme – Amazing Adventures

Our topic theme for this half term is called “Amazing Adventures. We will be reading and discussing lots of different adventure stories. We will also learn about what makes our World wonderful by looking at the human and physical features around the World.

## What will we read this half term?



## Our School Values

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

This term we will be reading the *Little People, Big Dreams* book about Jane Goodall. We will look at Jane's early life and how she came to be a trail-blazer for the protection of animals and nature. We will learn about how Jane lived with chimpanzees in their natural habitat and became famous for her pioneering approach to research. We will also learn about animal rights and how she campaigns for environmental issues around the world.

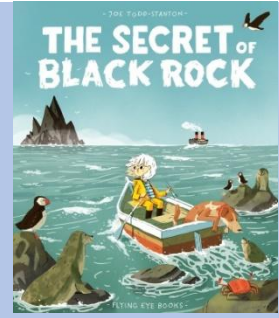
## What will we learn this half term?

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

Erin loves to lie on the jetty, looking for the weirdest fish in the sea and she knows that the best ones must be further out, where her mum won't let her go .

Out there in the deepest sea, lies the Black Rock: a huge, dark and spiky mass that is said to destroy any boats, that come near it! Can Erin uncover the truth behind this mysterious legend?



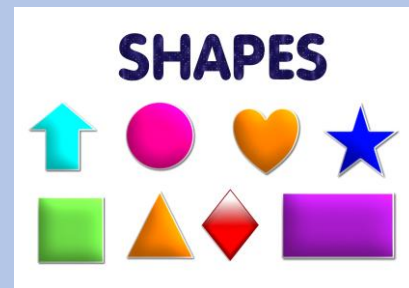
This term, we will be using the book “The Secret of Black Rock” by Joe Todd-Stanton to build on our reading and writing skills from last half term. We will also focus on sentence construction, spelling high frequency words correctly and using descriptive language in our own writing. We will be using this book to help us write our own adventure stories which we will share with year 1 at the end of term. Daily phonic lessons will continue to take place as well as guided reading and 1:1 reading opportunities.

## Maths

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

### Recognise 2-D and 3-D shapes

- Count sides on 2-D shapes
- Count vertices on 2-D shapes
- Draw 2-D shapes
- Lines of symmetry on shapes
- Use lines of symmetry to complete shapes
- Sort 2-D shapes
- Count faces on 3-D shapes
- Count edges on 3-D shapes
- Count vertices on 3-D shapes
- Sort 3-D shapes
- Make patterns with 2-D and 3-D shapes



### Money

- Count money in pence and pounds
- Count money in notes and coins
- Make the same amount
- Compare money
- Find the total
- Find the difference
- Find change
- Two-step money problems



## Science

In Science, our topic is called “Plants – Light and Dark”. We will:

- Explore plants in our local environment
- Name parts of a plant
- Find out what plants need to grow
- Plan and carry out a scientific experiment
- Look at our findings and make a conclusion



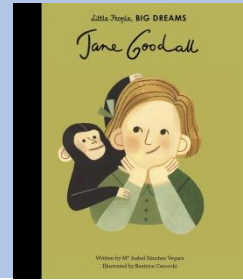
## Research Topic

In Geography, we will be exploring the question “What makes our World wonderful?” We will be building on our knowledge from last term by recapping the 7 continents of the world. In this topic we will also learn about;

- Some of the UK's amazing features and landmarks

- Some of the World's most amazing places
- The World's oceans
- Amazing aspects of our local area
- Why natural habitats are special

We will use the Little People Big Dreams book about Jane Goodall to learn about the habitats of chimpanzees and how Jane helped protect where they live.



## Computing

Our Computing lessons will be delivered by Mr Goodier on Wednesday afternoons. We will learn how to collect and display data using a computer program. We will learn how to create pictograms to show data and answer questions about what the pictograms show.

## Design and Technology

In Design and Technology, we will be learning about a balanced diet. We will learn to name the main food groups and identify foods that belong to that group. We will learn to describe the taste, texture and smell of different foods. We will think of different wrap ideas and construct a wrap using our own plans.



## PSHE

In PSHE, our topic is called "Dreams and Goals". We will be learning about how to set realistic goals and persevering even when we find tasks difficult. We will recognise who we work well with and explain some of the ways we have worked well as a team.

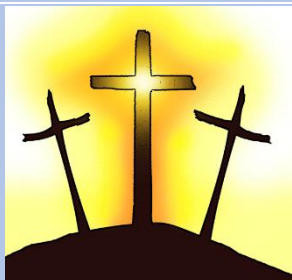
## Music

This half term our Music topic is called "I wanna play in a band". This song is a rock song written especially for children. By using this song we will learn about singing and playing together in an ensemble. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose we will listen and appraise classic Rock songs.



## PE

Our PE lessons this half term will be on Tuesday mornings. PE kits can be kept in school in your child's locker. Our topic for this half term is "Rackets, Bats and Balls". We will be building on our ball skills and introducing rackets and bats to eventually play team games with this equipment. We will learn how to play as a team and manage our emotions in victory and defeat!



## RE

In RE, we will be exploring the question "What does it mean to belong to a faith community?" We will think about the groups and communities we belong to and how Christians, Muslims and Jewish people show they belong. We will look at symbols of belonging from different religions and think about how we show we belong to our community.

## **Homework**

Children are expected to read to an adult for at least 10 minutes each night. All children will bring home a Read, Write Inc book which is closely matched to their phonic ability. This book is fully decodable and your child will be able to read all the sounds/words in the book, we are focusing on developing fluency so your child will keep the book for a week so they have chance to read it more than once. As children begin to complete the phonics programme they will start to bring home an extra book from the school's reading scheme. Your child should also know their TTRockstars and Numbots login, so they can practise times tables and number skills at home. Competitions and Battles are regularly set on TTRockstars – so watch out for these!



## **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, Miss Manning and Miss Kelly (Year 2 Teachers)