

# Year 2 Newsletter



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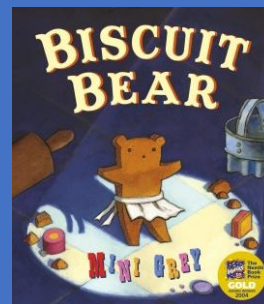
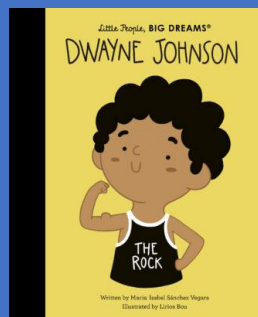
Spring Term 2

24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Theme – Amazing Adventures**

Our topic theme for this half term is called “Amazing Adventures. We will be continuing to look at different adventure stories.

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



**Achieve Care Value Listen Help**

This term we will be looking at the school value “achieve” and reading The Little People, Big Dreams book about Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson.

**To promote our love of reading, we will be visiting the school library each week to choose/swap a book. These books will be kept in school for the time being and we will be able to enjoy them in class.**

**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

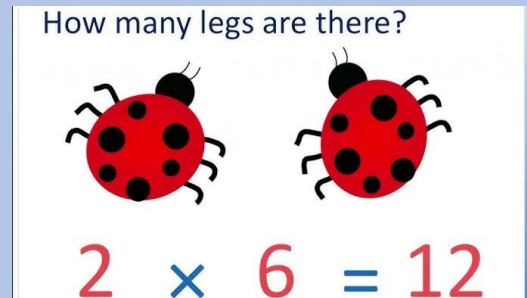
We will be using the book “Biscuit Bear” by Mini Grey to build on our reading and writing skills from last half term. We will also focus on sentence construction, spelling high frequency words correctly and using descriptive language in our own writing. We will be using this book to help us write our own adventure stories. Other exciting writing opportunities will be available. Daily phonic lessons will continue to take place as well as guided reading and 1:1 reading opportunities. We will continue to use our decoding skills to read words but will be encouraged to develop our fluency skills to read with expression and intonation.

## Maths

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

### Multiplication and Division

- Recognise, make and add equal groups
- Introduce the multiplication symbol
- Multiplication sentences
- Using arrays
- Grouping and sharing
- 2x table and dividing by 2
- Doubling and halving
- Odd and even numbers
- 10x table and dividing by 10
- 5x table and dividing by 5
- The relationship between the 5 and 10 times tables



### Science

In Science, our topic is “Plants”. We will learn about:

- How plants with seeds grow and reproduce
- Methods of seed dispersal
- The seed cycle



We will also carry out a scientific investigation, looking at how plants grow and the conditions they need to survive. We will keep a plant diary to observe how plants change over time. We will also learn how to carry out a fair test.

Towards the end of the term, we will be learning about living things and their habitats.

### Research Topic

In History, we will be looking at the question “How was school different in the past? We will learn about how schools have changed overtime, what school was like in the past, school life in the 1900s, comparing a modern classroom to a classroom 100 years ago, schools in three different periods of time and finally we will decide whether we prefer school in the present day or school in the past.



### Computing

Our Computing lessons will be delivered by Mr Goodier on Wednesday mornings. We will learn how to use the program Scratch. Scratch is a programming website, where pupils will learn to create algorithms to control characters and objects.



### Art

Our Art topic this half term is called “Sculpture and 3D” and we will be making clay houses. This will involve learning how to;

- Flatten and smooth clay, rolling shapes successfully and making a range of marks in the clay
- Make a basic pinch pot and join at least one clay shape onto the side using the scoring and slipping technique
- Roll a smooth tile surface
- Join clay shapes and make marks in the tile surface to make a pattern
- Draw a house design and plan how to create the key features in clay
- Create a clay house tile that has recognisable features made both by impressing objects into the

surface and by joining simple shapes.

## **PSHE**

**Our PSHE topic this half term is called “Healthy Me”. We will be learning about:**

- What I need to keep my body healthy
- Showing or telling you what relaxed means
- Things that make me feel relaxed/stressed
- How medicine works in my body and how important it is to use them safely
- The different food groups
- Which food gives us energy

## **Music**

In Music this half term, we will be exploring simple patterns, focussing on dynamics and tempo. We will have chance to listen to and appraise different pieces of music, as well as perform and compose songs. We will be learning a song written specifically for children called “Zootime”



## **PE**

This term 2H will have their PE session on Thursdays and 2MK will have their PE session on Tuesdays. In PE. This term, we will be playing lots of team games. We will be focussing on developing our attacking and defensive skills, whilst also developing our team work and strategy skills.

A polite reminder that Aldwyn’s PE uniform is as follows:

### **Indoor PE kit**

- White T-shirt (plain)
- Black shorts
- Pumps or trainers with non-marking sole for indoor games
- Bare feet for gymnastics



### **Outdoor PE kit**

- White T-shirt (plain)
- Black shorts
- Trainers

A plain, dark tracksuit (or jogging bottoms and sweatshirt) may be worn in colder months. Children will not be permitted to participate in PE wearing their school jumper or fleece. Please note that children who do have the correct PE kit in school on PE days may not be able to participate in the lesson for health and safety reasons.

PE kits can be kept in your child’s locker for the half term and can be taken home for the holidays to be washed.

## **RE**

In RE, we will be learning about what it means to belong to a faith community. We will be focussing on Christians, Muslims and Jewish people. We have a trip to St Mary’s church planned on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, where we will have the opportunity to re-enact a Christening and learn about Christian traditions involved when naming a baby. We will also learn about the Easter story.



## **Homework**

All children are expected to read to an adult each night for around 10 minutes. Your child should also know their TTRockstars and Numbots login, so they can practise times tables and number skills at home.

## **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)