

# Year 5 Newsletter



Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success  
Spring Term 2

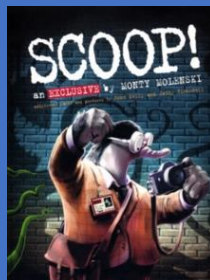
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
to  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**



**Theme – Out of This World!**



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



SCOOP! An Exclusive by Monty Molenski – John Kelly

**Monty Molenski is a humble reporter who is convinced that he's always missing out on the big stories. But could it be that Monty isn't noticing what's going on...right under his nose? Thankfully, his photography skills save the day.**

**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**

Our English unit will cover a range of activities which provide opportunities for reading and writing using the text 'SCOOP!'. Your children will be exploring the features of newspapers and writing their own front page articles. Our SPaG objectives also include direct and reported speech, formal style and possessive pronouns.

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

## Maths

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

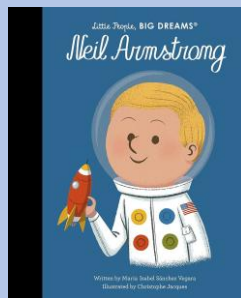
- convert equivalent fractions to decimals
- compare and order decimal numbers
- round decimals to the nearest whole number and 1 decimal place
- understand percentages
- convert percentages to decimals and fractions
- find the perimeter of a rectangle and polygon
- find the area of a rectangle and compound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

## Science

Our Space unit will allow the children to explore the planets within our solar system. The children will learn in detail about the sun, moon and stars. In addition to this, we will read about two of the most celebrated astronauts, Neil Armstrong and Mae Jemison, and how they have paved the way for young explorers to follow their dreams. We also have the opportunity of going to Jodrell Bank where the children will find out about constellations and other exciting, space-themed activities.



## Research - Geography

This half-term, we will be researching the question: where does our energy come from? The children will learn about renewable and non-renewable energy sources, where they come from and their impact on society and the environment.



## Music

Our music learning is focused around the song: 'The Fresh Prince Of Bel-Air'. 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 old school hip-hop songs.

## SEAL, PSHCE

Our whole-school PSHCE theme is Healthy Me. The children will be considering making healthy life choices including healthy eating, being physically active and keeping themselves and others safe.



## Art

We will be looking at illustrations from the 'Space Race' era; exploring how imagery was used and how it influenced art and design; learning the term 'retrofuturism' and evaluating images using knowledge of the formal elements.

## PE

Year 5 are continuing with their swimming lessons this half-term. This term, the PE coach will be teaching basketball. In this unit, they will be learning to consolidate passing and receiving skills and using them to move the ball up the court to create a successful shooting opportunity. Pupils will refine these skills and apply them into game situations.

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 ask that you provide tape or plasters to cover them up.



## Computing

This unit gives children the opportunity to learn how to create videos and podcasts in groups. They will develop the skills of capturing, editing, and manipulating audio 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 podcast about Space.

## Foreign Languages

Our French unit is Do You Have a Pet? In this unit, the children will:

- repeat, recognise and spell the eight nouns for pets in French
- tell somebody in French if they have or do not have a pet
- ask somebody else in French if they have a pet
- tell somebody in French the name of their pet
- create a longer phrase using the conjunctions et ("and") or mais ("but")

## 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 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 & Mrs. Ahmed