

Year 3 Newsletter



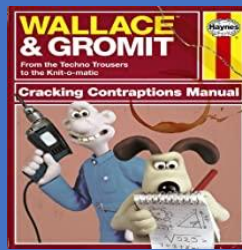
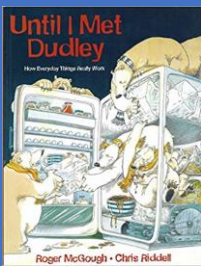
Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success

Spring Term 1

Tuesday 7th January 2025
to
Friday 14th February 2025

Our topic theme for this half term is called 'Amazing Earth'.

What will we read this half term?



What will we learn this half term?

English

We will be reading the story - Where The Wild Things Are. This is a story with both fantasy settings and characters. We will explore both of these in detail, and work up to writing our own fantasy setting stories. Lots of imagination will be needed here!

We will find out what features are included in an explanation text, and look at a range of different ones, including the books – Until I Met Dudley and Wallace and Gromit - Cracking Contraptions. We will link this to our D.T. work on pneumatic toys, and our science work about forces and magnets, and the children will be able to write explanations for how their toys work, and include labelled diagrams.

Maths

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

Multiplication and division. This will include –

-Multiplying 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers, with and without exchange.

-Linking multiplication and division.

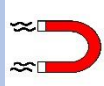
-Dividing 2 digit numbers by 1 digit, using no exchange, flexible partitioning, and with remainders.

We will also learn:

Length and Perimeter, which will include –

- Measuring in millimetres, centimetres, and metres.
- Equivalent lengths
- Comparing lengths
- Adding and subtracting lengths
- Measuring and calculating perimeter

Science – Forces and magnets



Through a series of practical and experimental activities, we will discover what a push and pull force is, and how we can make things move faster and slower. We will find out about the power of magnets and learn about magnetic poles.

We will read about the great scientist – Sir David Attenborough.

Geography - Volcanoes



In this new topic we will be exploring where and why volcanoes occur. We will explore the different parts of a volcano, and find out about their function. We will look at where different mountains and volcanoes occur in the world, and read about the great mountaineer – Tenzing Norgay.

Design and Technology – Pneumatic Toys



After a thorough investigation into the principles of pneumatics, the children will work towards making their own toy as pictured to the left, using balloons and piping. We will tie this in with our English work on explanations for how things work.

PSHE – Dreams and Goals



The children will be exploring their dreams and ambitions. They will be setting new goals that they would like to achieve, and learning to overcome any obstacles along the way.

Music - Three Little Birds



We will be learning the Bob Marley song – Three Little Birds. Through this, we will be learning about rhythm and notation.

Our school will also be joining in with a national singalong to celebrate what would have been Bob Marley's 80th birthday. We will be learning a 'marvellous Marley medley' and performing online along with hundreds of other schools.

P.E. – Dance



With our P.E. coach, the children will be exploring different dance moves centred around an animal theme. They will put a series of movements together to make a short dance sequence.

R.E. – What do different people believe about God?



Children will explore their own feelings and thoughts about God, before finding out the main beliefs in Christianity. There will be opportunities to compare and contrast these to any other religions that they are familiar with.

French – les instruments



Children will learn the names of different musical instruments. They will re-cap their previous learning to say short sentences using previously learnt and new vocabulary.

Homework

As usual, a piece of English and Maths homework will be sent home in the homework book every Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.

Spellings and timetables will be given every Friday, and tested the following Friday.

Please continue to read with your child as often as possible. This may be their school reading book, or a different book/text of their choice at home.

We have some exciting topics for the half term ahead, which we are sure our children will enjoy and share with you at home.

As always, please chat to us at the door if you have any worries or concerns, or make an appointment for later in the week.

Kind regards,

Mrs Oakes and Miss Fell