

Year 2 Newsletter



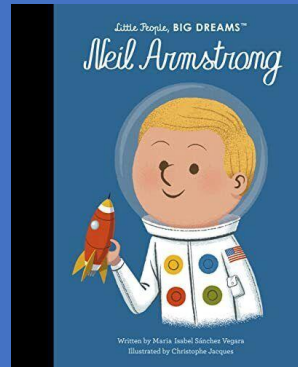
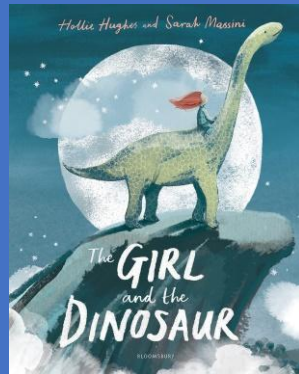
Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success

Summer Term 1

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 – Friday 23rd May 2025

Theme – ‘Out of this World’

What will we read this half term?



To promote our love of reading, we will be visiting the school library each week to choose/swap a library 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?

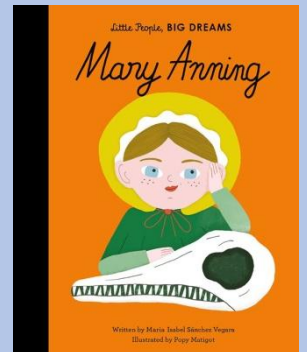
Please note that all of the Curriculum Overviews for each subject can be found on the school website. These contain detailed outlines of the coverage and rationales for teaching. Please take time to read them.

English

Anything is possible and nothing's as it seems . . .

Our class text this half term is “The Girl and the Dinosaur” written by Hollie Hughes. This beautifully illustrated book celebrates one little girl’s limitless imagination. In a town by the seaside, Marianne is often seen digging for treasure on the beach. One day, she finds the most wonderful treasure of all – a dinosaur skeleton! That night, Marianne makes a wish upon a star that her dinosaur will come to life. She wishes it with all her heart – and it comes true. Together, Marianne’s adventures with her new friend are limited only by their imagination. Whilst reading this book, children will have many reading and writing opportunities to develop and enhance their skills. We will predict what we think will happen next, learn new vocabulary and sequence the story. Our final piece of writing will be a non-chronological report all about dinosaurs.

We will also enjoy reading about Mary Anning, finding out about her life and her achievements.



Maths

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

Length and height

- Measure in cm and m
- Compare lengths and heights
- Order lengths and heights
- Four operations with length and height

Mass, capacity and temperature

- Compare mass
- Measure in grams
- Measure in kg
- Four operations with mass
- Compare volume and capacity
- Measure in ml
- Measure in L
- Four operations with volume and capacity
- Temperature

Science

We are continuing our work on different habitats for plants and animals this half term, taking a closer look at microhabitats; such as a log in a woodland or a cactus in a desert. We will learn about food chains and the different diets that each habitat provides. Our work is being supported by our Year 2 visit to Blackpool Zoo on Wednesday 7th May where we will see different animals from each of the habitats we have learnt about and take part in a workshop with an education specialist from the Zoo.



Geography

In Geography we will be looking at the question – “What is it like to live by the coast?”

We will learn to -

- Define what the coast is.
- Locate coasts in the UK.
- Name some of the physical features of coasts.
- Explain the location of UK coasts using the four compass directions.
- Name features of coasts and label these on a photograph.
- Identify human features in a coastal town.
- Describe how people use the coast.
- Identify human features on the local coast.
- Describe how the local coast has been used.



Computing

Our Computing topic this half term will be taught by Mr Goodier on Thursday mornings. The children will be using a coding program called “Scratch”

Forest School Sessions

Details about Forest School sessions have been emailed to parents. If you have any questions/queries then please do not hesitate to ask your child’s class teacher.



D&T

In D&T this half term, our topic is called “Mechanisms: Fairground wheels”. The children will:

- Design and label a wheel
- Consider the materials, shape, construction and mechanisms of their wheel
- Build a stable structure with a rotating wheel
- Follow a design plan to make a completed model of the wheel



PSHE

Our PSHE topic this half term is “Relationships”.

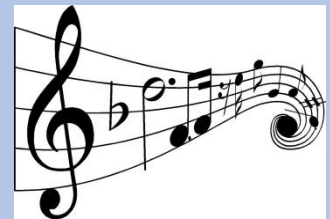
We will learn about:

- How to make friends
- Solving friendship problems when they occur
- Helping others to feel part of a group
- Showing respect in how they treat others
- How to help themselves and others when they feel upset or hurt
- What makes a good relationship



Music

This topic focuses on a song especially written for children about Friendship. We will learn to sing the song, in different parts, and play games to help us find the pulse and rhythm. Then we will introduce the glockenspiels and play a part from the song, moving on to improvise and create our own pieces for a final performance.



PE

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
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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.

In PE this half term, we will be building on our athletic skills ready for sports day. We will also be learning about how physical activity impacts our mental health and well-being.

Our P.E lessons will be taught by Mr Cole on Tuesday afternoons.

RE

Our RE topic this half term is called, “How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times?” We will discuss the questions:

- What do you celebrate and why? What stories do your families tell?
- What happened at Easter and how does it make people feel?
- How do Christians celebrate Easter?
- What matters most at Easter?
- Why do Jewish people tell the story of Passover every year?
- What do Muslims celebrate at Id-ul-Fitr?

Homework

In preparation for Year 3, children will begin to receive extra homework tasks. This may be an English, Maths or Topic piece of work to consolidate learning. All children are also 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)