

Year 5 Newsletter



Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success
Summer Term 1

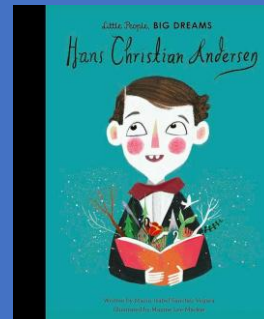
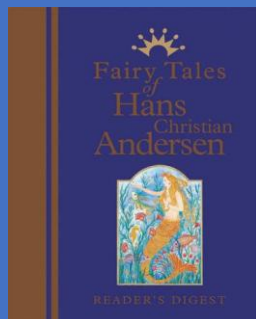
**Monday 9th June 2025
to
Friday 25th July 2025**



Theme – Exploring Europe



What will we read this half term?



Classic Fairy Tales by Hans Christian Andersen

'The Fairy Tales of Hans Christian Andersen' is a magnificent collection of his most magical works, including 'The Little Mermaid', 'The Emperor's New Clothes' and 'The Ugly Duckling'. Anderson remains best-known for his exquisite fairy tales which have been delighting both adults and children for over 150 years.

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 a range of Hans Christian Andersen's short stories. The children will be creatively writing persuasive pieces, diary entries and comprehensive reading tasks.

Our SPaG objectives also include; writing in first person, using dialogue to advance the action, adverbials

of time and place, using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis and past and progressive tense.

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

Maths

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

- reading, plotting and problem solving with co-ordinates
- translation, reflection and lines of symmetry
- converting units of measure
- converting between metric and imperial units
- converting units of time



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

This unit is all about forces. The children will learn about types of forces such as gravity, friction, water resistance and air resistance. They will have the opportunity to design their own investigation to test out these forces and learn about the findings of scientists such as Isaac Newton.

Design Technology

This unit is all about building bridges. The children will identify stronger and weaker structures, find different ways to reinforce structures, and create a range of beam and arch bridge designs.

Geography – The Alps

This half-term, we will be finding out about the Alps. The children will be able to locate the Alps on a world map and identify the eight countries they are spread through. They will also research and describe the physical and human features of Innsbruck and compare this to the Geography of their local area.

Music

This half-term our Year 5 pupils will develop their recorder skills. They will be introduced to eight notes as they build their musical knowledge and confidence.

PSHE

Our whole-school PHSE theme is Changing Me. The children will be considering how to express how they feel when things change, respect when others change and know when to ask for help when things change.

Art

The children will be looking at architecture. They will be using basic shapes to place key features, form the composition and measuring to work out proportions. They will show understanding of what a monument is for by designing a structure that symbolises a person or event. As part of our work in Art, we will be looking at the inspiring life of Zaha Hadid.



Computing

In this unit, pupils develop their knowledge of selection by revisiting how conditions can be used in programs and then learning how the If... Then... Else structure can be used to select different outcomes depending on whether a condition is true or false. They will use their knowledge of writing programs and using selection to control outcomes to design a quiz in response to a given task.

PE

The PE coach will be teaching gymnastics. In this unit, they will be learning to counter balance, sequence formation, counter tension and be evaluating their performance.

Year 5 are also continuing with their swimming lessons this term. 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 kindly ask that you provide tape or plasters to cover them up.



Foreign Languages

In this unit 'My House' the children will learn how to:

- Say whether they live in a house or an apartment and say where it is.
- Repeat, recognise and attempt to spell up to ten nouns (including the correct article for each) for the rooms of the house in French.
- Tell somebody in French what rooms they have or do not have in their home.
- Ask somebody else in French what rooms they have in their home.
- Attempt to create a longer spoken or written passage in French recycling previously learnt language (incorporating personal details such as their name and age).

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 times-tables, 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 and Mrs Ahmed