

Year 2 Newsletter



Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success

Autumn Term 1

Thursday 4th September 2025
to
Friday 24th October 2025

Theme – ‘Yo Ho Ho Me Hearties’

Welcome back! We hope you and your children have had a lovely time over the summer break and have been able to relax and enjoy the sunshine ready for the exciting term ahead.

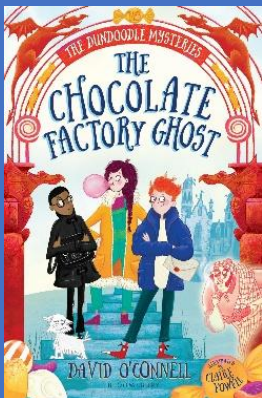
To develop a love of reading, please read to your child and encourage them to read to you. Your child will receive a reading book which is called phonic decodable. We aim to change your child's phonic decodable book once a week. Your child will not change colour levels until they have had a phonics assessment. Please support your child to record reading sessions in their reading diary.

Please make sure your child has their P.E. kit in school at all times - plain black shorts (no names or labels) and plain white t-shirt (no names and labels).

This term, our class novels will be:

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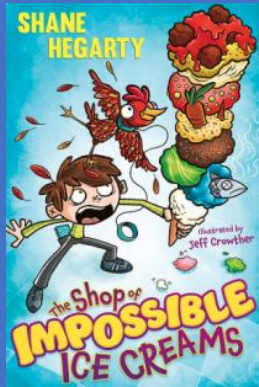
‘The Chocolate Factory Ghost’ by David O’connell.



Archie McBudge gets the biggest surprise of his life when he finds out he's inherited a huge house, a sweet factory, and lots of money from his Great-Uncle Archibald!

Archie moves to a village called Dundoodle, where he makes new friends — Fliss and Billy. But all is not as it seems. There are strange clues to follow and secrets to uncover. Something spooky is going on at Honeystone Hall!

Can Archie and his friends solve the puzzles and save the sweet factory before it's too late?



'The Shop of Impossible Ice-creams' by Shane Hegarty.

Limpet's mum is opening an ice-cream shop, full of her favourite new flavours: mushroom and tuna ice-cream anyone? Roast parsnip and gravy?

Limpet's not sure about this. He likes a nice, safe life. His favourite flavour is vanilla. But when wicked Mr Fluffy arrives with his Mega Emporium of Amazing and Spectacular Ice-Creams, Limpet knows he's got to fight back...

Our School Values

Achieve Care Value Listen Help

This term, we will be looking at our 'achieve' school value.

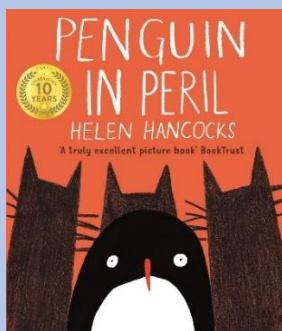


We will meet Zaha Hadid, the inspiring story of the visionary Iraqi-British architect. Zaha Hadid grew up in Baghdad, Iraq, surrounded by music. She was a curious and confident child, who designed her own modernist bedroom at nine years old. As a young woman studying at University in Beirut, she was described as the most outstanding pupil the teacher had ever met. With her spectacular vision and belief in the power of architecture, she founded her own firm and designed some of the most outstanding buildings in the world – including the London 2012 Olympic Aquatic Centre.

English

We will begin the term by reading the book 'Penguin in Peril' by Helen Hancocks.

We will join a brave little penguin as an unexpected adventure unfolds. Will everything turn out okay? You'll have to read to find out!



A penguin in trouble, what will they do?
Join the adventure and find out too!

Waddle, flap, and slip on ice,
A penguin's adventure comes with a surprise!

Brave little penguin, in a frosty spree,
What will happen? Come and see!

Maths

We will be very busy in maths, with the focus of our learning being: place value and addition and subtraction. We will work on the following:

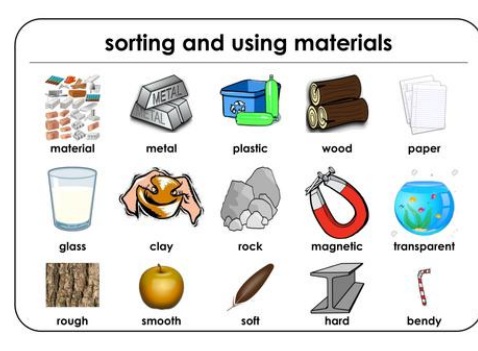
- Numbers to 20
- Count objects to 100 by making 10s
- Recognise tens and ones

- Use a place value chart
- Partition numbers to 100
- Write numbers to 100 in words
- Flexibly partition numbers to 100
- Write numbers to 100 in expanded form
- 10s on the number line to 100
- 10s and 1s on the number line to 100
- Estimate numbers on a number line
- Compare objects
- Compare numbers
- Order objects and numbers
- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Count in 3s

Science

This term, we will be learning about the fascinating world of materials.

Through hands-on activities and experiments we will identify and classify different materials such as wood, metal, plastic, and fabric, while discovering their unique properties. From testing which materials are waterproof to exploring which are strong or flexible. We will develop our critical thinking and have a deeper understanding of how everyday objects are made.



Research

This term, we will be learning about why our world is wonderful!



We will be exploring maps to find out about the UK and the wider world, spotting human and physical features, and learning the difference between oceans and seas. We will also name and locate the five oceans, use aerial photographs to create our own sketch maps, and collect data to present in tally charts and bar charts. It's an exciting journey to discover more about our amazing planet!

Computing

We will be using Google Maps, Google Earth, Google Sheets to discover the physical and human geography from around the world.



Music



Our learning, this term, will focus around the song: Hands, feet, heart – a song that celebrates South African music. We will also listen carefully to different styles of music, where we will improvise our own rhythms and perform together as a class. It's going to be a fun term full of singing, moving, and making music

together!

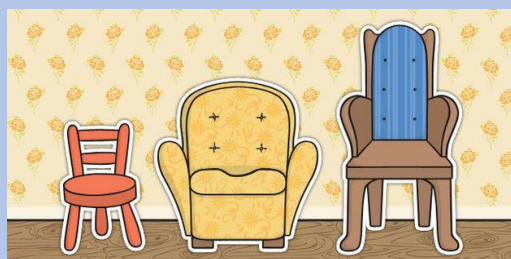
PE

This term, we will be learning all about working together! We will discover why it's important to include everyone, how to trust and communicate with our teammates, and how to come up with simple strategies to solve challenges - all while having fun as a team!



Design and Technology

This term, we will be exploring structures through the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We will read the story together and think about Baby Bear's chair, learning to identify man-made and natural structures and what makes them strong or weak. We will explore stable and unstable shapes, discuss their ideas, and work independently to design and build a chair that would be just right for Baby Bear. We will use the right materials and techniques to make our models strong, stiff, and stable, and explain how our designs work.



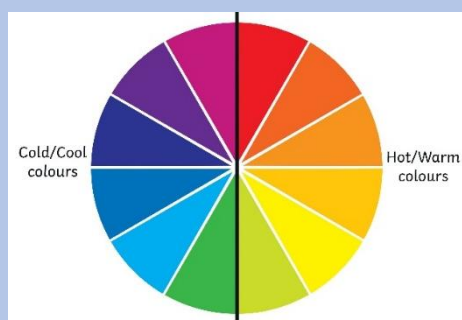
Religious Education

This term, we will be exploring – What is the good news that Christians say Jesus brings? We will explore stories from the Bible, think about how Jesus showed love, kindness, and hope, and talk about how his message can inspire people today. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn about caring, sharing, and making the world a better place.



Art

This term, we will be getting creative with painting and mixed media – life in colour.



We will learn about primary and secondary colours, make predictions about what happens when colours mix, and experiment with different textures using a variety of tools. We will create collages, choosing materials carefully for colour and texture, trying out different arrangements, and thinking about how to develop our ideas. Along the way, we will share our thoughts about our own work and our friends', building creativity and confidence in our artistic skills.

PSHE

The unit for this term is: 'Being Me in My World.'

We will explore our place in the class, school, and the wider community. We will learn to identify our hopes and fears for the year and understand how our actions affect ourselves and others.



We are looking forward to the term ahead. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Thank you for your continued support,
Kind regards,
Year 2 Team