

Year 1 Newsletter



Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success

Autumn Term 2

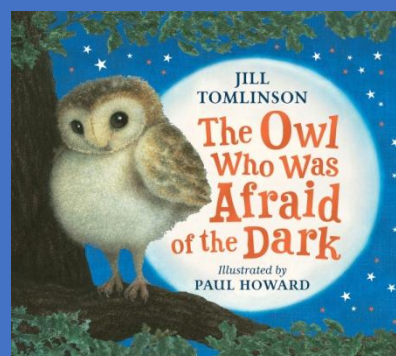
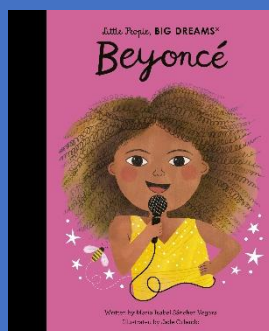
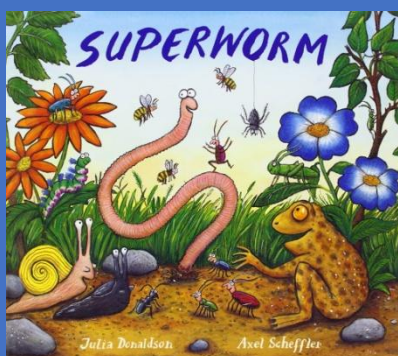
Monday 3rd November 2025
to
Friday 19th December 2025

Theme – What Comes Out At Night?

We are very excited to be back after a lovely half term and you feel refreshed and ready! Our topic theme for this half term is called What Comes Out At Night? Our topic changes each half term in Year 1. We will start the term by sharing Julia Donaldson's book, Superworm.

Our school value that we will be looking at this half term is 'Valuing each other'. We will look at the life and achievements of Beyoncé. Our class novel will be The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark.

What will we read this half term?



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.

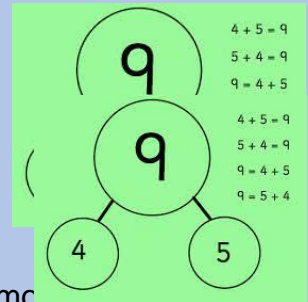
English



In English, we will explore Superworm by Julia Donaldson and will use this story to learn about adjectives to describe our superhero called Superworm. The children will also be learning about non fiction books and report writing and will write their own reports about amazing worms and other nocturnal animals spotted in our local area. We will use our Read, Write Inc phonics to help us read and spell words using our Fred Talk.

Maths

This term in maths the children will be learning about Addition and Subtraction. In Year 1. We explore this concept through the part, part, whole model. We will look at our number bonds up to 10 and finding fact families. We will use the Maths vocabulary, plus, add and is equal to.



There will be daily opportunities to solve problems in maths lessons and most importantly through play. Our maths area will support problem solving and give the children a chance to practice their new learning independently using familiar resources.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about Seasonal Changes and carrying out observations in the outdoor environment.

Research Topic

This half term we will be studying History and learn how to be historians. Our History topic is called 'How am I making History?'. We will look at our own history and the special memories that we have from when we were younger. We will learn about how life was like for our parents and grandparents when they were children. We will explore the clothes, food, games, toys and how birthdays were celebrated. We will make our own Memory Boxes. We will also be learning about poppies and Remembrance Day.



Design and Technology

In Design and Technology, we will be making puppets linked to our work in English about Superworm and other nocturnal animals.



Art

We will be continuing our exciting Art topics next half term. In the run up to Christmas we will be creating some Christmas crafts.

SEAL, PSHE, SRE

In PSHE we will be celebrating our differences and learning about the different characters in our PHSE Curriculum. We will look at what makes us unique.



Music

Our Music Topic is called Rhythm in the Way and Banana Rap. We will learn about and the rap style of music.



PE

The sports coach will be taking us this half term to participate in team games. Please ensure your child's PE kit comes back and the PE kit has their name in as their names can wash out this time of year.

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

A plain, dark tracksuit (or jogging bottoms and sweatshirt) may be worn in colder months. Children will not be permitted to participate in PE wearing their school jumper or fleece. Please note that children who do not 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.

RE



We will be learning about Why does Christmas matter to Christians? We will celebrate different religions and festivals. We will also be learning about the Christian story of Christmas and will be getting ready for our special KS1 Christmas Carol Concert where we will tell the Christmas Nativity. Story.

Homework



Homework is to read every night for five minutes, this is very important to ensure child is successful in reading.

This half term the children will continue to get additional QR Codes for the Set Two or Set Three sounds. The children also will continue to get weekly handwriting and daily reading. They will also be bringing home a bookmark with tricky Red words on to learn which will be put in their reading folders. Your child will be given an additional homework which is to make a personal memory box which is linked to our History topic.

Thank you

We really look forward to our second Autumn half term. We thank you to your support with your child's daily reading. The children are making lots of progress and we thank you for your wonderful support with reading! If you need to get in touch, please speak to us on the classroom door or telephone the school office, or alternatively email school at admin@aldwyn.tameside.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards, Mrs Parks and Mrs Parkes.