

Year 4 Newsletter



Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success

Autumn Term 2

Monday 03rd November 2025
to
Friday 19th December 2025

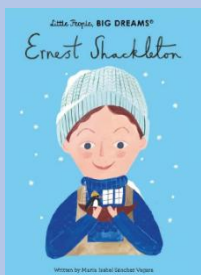
Winter Wonderland

We hope you and your children have had a lovely time over the half-term holiday and are ready for the fun and exciting challenges ahead. Our theme for this half-term is called 'A Winter Wonderland...' which fits in perfectly with the Christmas Season!



Our School Values

Achieve **Care** **Value** **Listen** **Help**



We will meet one of the most courageous and inspirational leaders in history, Ernest Shackleton! This brave, fearless Antarctic adventurer teaches us to never give up in order to meet our dreams and goals. We dive into the incredible life of Ernest Shackleton and learn how from such a young age he had a dream to set voyage to the Antarctica. He loved adventure, and proved that leadership and hope can get you through dangerous situations.

English

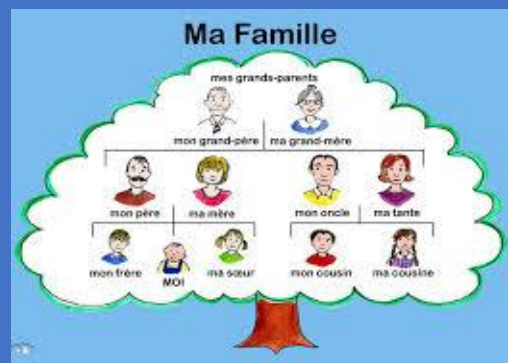


Get ready for some festive fun! This half-term we will be reading the playscript 'Jack and the Christmas Tree' and learning all about the features of a playscript; like character names followed by dialogue, stage directions in parentheses to guide actors' movements and emotions, and scene descriptions that set the location and time. But it's not just about reading scripts; we will be acting, performing, and bringing the whole story to life on a real-life stage. You heard it right! We will get to perform our very own pantomime live at the Stalybridge Civic Hall! It's going to be a fun-filled, action-packed

holiday show you won't want to miss! In addition to this, children will have the opportunity to watch the pantomime Aladdin at the Plaza in Stockport by professional performers.

French

In French, our young linguists are diving into a brand-new French unit all about *la famille*! The children will be learning how to talk about their family members and say how many they have - all *en français*, of course! There will be plenty of lively discussions, games, and speaking activities to help everyone build confidence and show off their amazing oracy skills. It's going to be *magnifique*!



Geography



In Geography, we are heading on a chilly adventure to learn all about the incredible continent of Antarctica! We will discover what makes this icy land so unique, from its freezing temperatures and stunning landscapes to the brave explorers who have ventured there. We will learn about which animals call Antarctica their home, such as penguins, seals, and whales, and learn how these amazing creatures survive in such extreme conditions. Through maps, videos, and research, we'll develop a deeper understanding of this fascinating part of our planet and the importance of protecting it for the future.

Design and Technology

In our design and technology unit, we're putting our electrical skills to use! First, we will begin by researching different types of Christmas tree decorations and exploring what makes them eye catching and unique. Using their new science knowledge about electricity, we'll design and make a decoration that lights up. We can't wait to see their sparkling creations brighten up our classroom this Christmas!



Maths

We'll be very busy in maths, with the focus of our learning being: subtraction, area, times-tables and division facts. We'll work on the following:

Number: Subtraction:

- Subtract two 4-digit numbers – no exchange
- Subtract a 3-digit number from a 3-digit number – exchange
- Subtract two 4-digit numbers – more than one exchange
- Efficient subtraction
- Estimate answers
- Checking strategies

Measurement of area within shapes

- What is area?
- Count squares to find the area within 2D shapes
- Make shapes
- Compare areas

Multiplication and Division

- Multiples of 3
- Multiply and divide by 6
- 6 times-table and division facts
- Multiply and divide by 9
- 9 times-table and division facts
- The 3, 6 and 9 times-tables
- Multiply and divide by 3
- Multiply and divide by 7
- 7 times-table and division facts
- 11 times-table and division facts
- 12 times-table and division facts
- Multiply by and 0
- Multiply 3 numbers

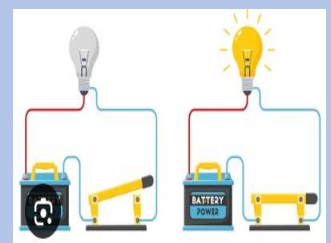
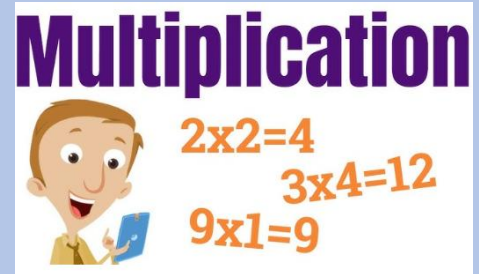
It is now compulsory that all children in Year 4 take part in the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in the summer term. For more information about this please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>

In preparation for the MTC, this year we will be doing lots of times tables practise and we'll be using the website called TT Rock Stars. We strongly advise that you allow your child to use this website as much as possible at home, as the more practise they get, the more confident and quicker they will become at their times tables.

Science

This half term, Year 4 will be switching on their curiosity as we begin our electrifying electricity unit in science! We will learn all about how electricity powers the world around us. We'll explore how to make simple circuits using wires, bulbs, switches, and batteries, whilst also learning how to recognise which materials are electrical conductors or insulators. We'll also investigate how switches control the flow of electricity and



discuss ways to stay safe when using electrical appliances at home. It's going to be a bright and buzzing topic full of hands-on experiments and scientific discoveries.

Whilst learning about electricity, we will meet Nikola Tesla, who from such a young age was fascinated by science and numbers. We learn about his interest in electricity and his groundbreaking inventions.



First Aid

This term, Mr Chapman will be delivering first aid lessons to Year 4 children. They will have the exciting opportunity to learn the essential and life-saving skills of first aid, which is a fantastic life skill to have! They will explore how to assist someone in need, remain calm in emergency situations, and master techniques like CPR. Through hands on activities and engaging demonstrations, children will not only gain practical knowledge but also boost their confidence in handling real-life situations. It's a unique chance to empower them with the tools they need to make a difference, all while having fun and learning how to be true heroes in their everyday lives.



We're 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 4 Team