

Year 3 Newsletter



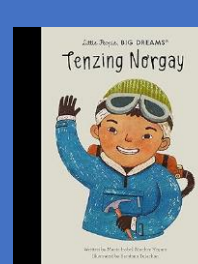
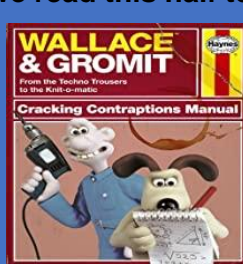
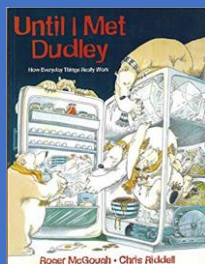
Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success

SpringTerm 1

Monday 5th January 2026
to
Thursday 12th February 2026

Our topic theme for this half term is called 'Amazing Earth'.

What will we read this half term?



What will we learn this half term?

English

We will be reading the story - Where The Wild Things are. This is a story with both fantasy settings and characters. We will explore both of these in detail, and work up to writing our own fantasy setting stories. Lots of imagination will be needed here!

We will find out what features are included in an explanation text, and look at a range of different ones, including the books – Until I Met Dudley and Wallace and Gromit - Cracking Contraptions. We will link this to our D.T. work on pneumatic toys, and our science work about forces and magnets, and the children will be able to write explanations for how their toys work, and include labelled diagrams.

For our oracy work, we will be learning and performing the poem – The Adventures of Isabel by Ogden Nash. We will also be having a big debate about whether mum was right to send Max to his bedroom without any supper, linked to the story – Where The Wild Things Are.

Maths

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

Multiplication and division.
This will include –

- Multiplying 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers, with and without exchange.
- Linking multiplication and division.
- Dividing 2-digit numbers by 1-digit, using no exchange, flexible partitioning, and with remainders.

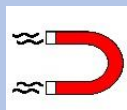
We will also learn:

Length and Perimeter, which will include –

- Measuring in millimetres, centimetres, and metres.
- Equivalent lengths
- Comparing lengths
- Adding and subtracting lengths
- Measuring and calculating perimeter

'Arithmetic Friday' will focus on securing number and times tables facts.

Science – Forces and magnets



Through a series of practical and experimental activities, we will discover what a push and pull force is, and how we can make things move faster and slower. We will find out about the power of magnets and learn about magnetic poles.

We will read about the great scientist – Sir David Attenborough.

Geography - Volcanoes



In this new topic we will be exploring where and why volcanoes occur. We will explore the different parts of a volcano, and find out about their function. We will look at where different mountains and volcanoes occur in the world, and read about the great mountaineer – Tenzing Norgay.

Design and Technology – Pneumatic Toys



After a thorough investigation into the principles of pneumatics, the children will work towards making their own toy as pictured to the left, using balloons and piping. We will tie this in with our English work on explanations for how things work.

PSHE – Dreams and Goals



The children will be exploring their dreams and ambitions. They will be setting new goals that they would like to achieve, and learning to overcome any obstacles along the way.

Music - Three Little Birds



We will be learning the Bob Marley song – Three Little Birds. Through this, we will be learning about rhythm and notation.

Our school will also be joining in with a world-wide singalong focussing on songs from 'Wicked'.

P.E. – Dance



With our P.E. coach, the children will be exploring different dance moves centred around an animal theme. They will put a series of movements together to make a short dance sequence.

R.E. – How do festivals and worship show what happens to a Muslim?



Children will identify some beliefs about God in Islam. They will learn about the five pillars of Islam and how Muslims carry these values out in their everyday life.

French – les instruments



Children will learn the names of different musical instruments.
They will re-cap their previous learning to say short sentences using previously learnt and new vocabulary.

Homework

As usual, a piece of English and Maths homework will be sent home in the homework book every Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.

Timestables will be given every Friday, and practised the following Friday.

Please continue to read with your child as often as possible. This may be their school reading book, or a different book/text of their choice at home.

We have some exciting topics for the half term ahead, which we are sure our children will enjoy and share with you at home.

As always, please chat to us at the door if you have any worries or concerns, or make an appointment for later in the week.

Kind regards,

Mrs Oakes, Miss Kelly and Miss Fell