

Year 4 Newsletter



Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success

Spring Term 2

Monday 23rd February 2026
to
Friday 28th March 2026

Theme – ‘Food Glorious Food’

What will we be learning this half term?

Please note that all the Curriculum Overviews for each subject can be found on the school website. These contain detailed outlines of the coverage for learning. Please take time to read them.

Welcome back! We hope you and your children have had a relaxing break and are ready for the exciting term ahead.

Our theme for this half term is ‘Have you won the golden ticket?’ Where we will be meeting Charlie Bucket and following him on his exciting adventure inside the mysterious chocolate factory of Willy Wonka. We will also become Willy Wonka’s ourselves – designing and creating our own chocolate bars.

To continue with promoting the love of reading throughout our school we will again be visiting Droylsden library. This is a great opportunity for your child to learn about the fantastic free resources available to them and to read and enjoy a wide range of books. The library is also a great place to go to study or do homework, to use a computer or attend free activities during school holidays.

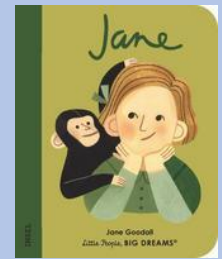
Please continue to read to your child and encourage them to read to you. Your child will receive a reading book and can change it as soon as they have read it. Please support your child to record reading sessions in their reading diary. It is important that your child regularly reads their reading book.

Reading for pleasure can benefit your child’s education, social and cognitive development, their wellbeing, and their mental health. Reading allows us to be transported from our own world to another. Between the pages of a book, we can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters and learn about a culture entirely different from our own. We can also learn new words and phrases (that we can use in our own writing), experience a range of emotions, and acquire new skills and knowledge.

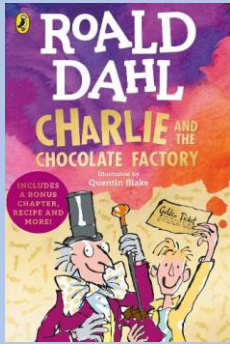
Our School Values

Achieve Care Value Listen Help

This term, Year Four will be exploring and learning all about the inspiring scientist and conservationist Jane Goodall. We will learn about her childhood love of animals, her groundbreaking work studying chimpanzees in Africa, and how she showed the world that animals have feelings and unique personalities. The children will explore her determination, bravery and kindness towards wildlife. Through our reading, we will discuss themes of perseverance, curiosity and caring for our planet, and think about how even small actions can make a big difference in the world.



English



Within English, Year 4 will be diving into the wonderful world of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl.

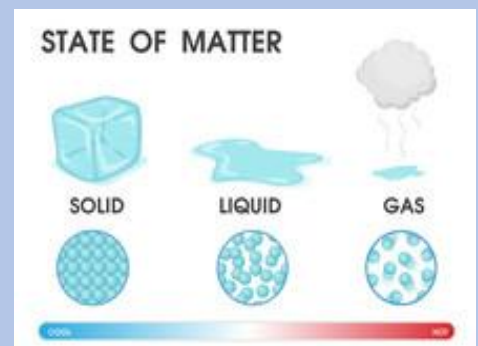
Throughout the term, we will explore the text in depth, getting to know its unforgettable characters and discussing their personalities, choices and motivations. The children will have lots of opportunities to develop their reading comprehension, vocabulary and descriptive writing skills through exciting, creative tasks.

As part of our writing journey, we will be creating newspaper articles reporting on the discovery of the famous Golden Tickets, using headlines, direct speech and formal language. Later in the term, we will build towards writing our own imaginative setting descriptions inspired by Willy Wonka's incredible chocolate factory, focusing on rich vocabulary, sensory detail and figurative language.

We are looking forward to immersing ourselves in the magical world of Willy Wonka and using this much-loved story as inspiration for some fantastic reading and writing.

Science

This term in Science, Year 4 will be exploring states of matter, focusing on solids, liquids, and gases. The children will learn to identify and compare these different states by observing and describing their properties, such as shape, volume, and how they move. They will investigate how materials can change state when they are heated or cooled, including melting, freezing, and evaporating, and understand that these changes can sometimes be reversed. Through hands-on experiments and practical activities, pupils will also explore how particles behave in solids, liquids, and gases, helping them to understand why materials take the form they do and how matter can transform from one state to another.



Research



Within History this term, we will be exploring the fascinating world of the Ancient Maya. The children will learn about where and when the Maya lived, how they built their cities, and what daily life was like, including their food, clothing, and traditions. We will discover the Maya's achievements in writing, mathematics, and astronomy, and investigate their amazing artwork and temples. Through hands-on activities, research, and creative projects, the children will develop their historical enquiry skills, make connections between past and present, and learn to explain how and why the Maya civilization was so remarkable.

Computing

We are embarking on an exciting new project during our IT lessons. The children will be creating their very own podcast! Focusing on the theme of healthy food, students will explore nutritious meals, share fun facts about different foods, and discuss tips for making healthy choices. Through this hands-on project, they will develop their research, speaking, and teamwork skills while learning how to communicate their ideas in a creative and engaging way. We can't wait to hear their voices and celebrate their discoveries!



Music



This term in music our children will be exploring the classic song "Lean On Me." Through this song, students will develop their listening, singing, and performing skills, as well as their understanding of rhythm, pitch, and musical notation. The children will learn how to confidently sing in tune, maintain a steady pulse, play simple instrumental accompaniments, and begin to improvise and compose short musical phrases. We are excited to see the students grow as musicians and express themselves creatively through this engaging and timeless song!

Design and Technology

We will become Willy Wonka and design and create our very own chocolate bar. We will use the chromebooks to research and compare different types of chocolate confectionary, fillings and packaging. This will help us to design our own chocolate bar. Using Google Slides, we will then design and create the packaging and a poster to advertise our chocolate creations. Then, comes the best bit, we make our chocolicious chocolate bar and eat it.



Foreign Languages

As they progress through this unit, pupils will have an even better understanding of how different languages have different rules. For instance, they will learn that in French, we do not write the days of the week or the months of the year with capital letters unless they are found at the beginning of the sentence. This means that whenever writing the date or their birthdays in French, they will only spell the days and the months with lowercase letters. They will also learn that the only ordinal number for saying the date in French is the 1st, which is written as premier or 1er.



PSHE

The unit for this term is: 'Healthy Me.' We will fit together the six pieces of learning about Healthy Me to create 'The Happy Healthy Me Recipe Book',



We will look at friendship groups that we are part of, how they are formed, how they have leaders and followers and what role we each play. We will reflect on our friendships; how different people make us feel and which friends we value the most and why. Finally, we will learn about peer pressure and how to deal with it successfully.

PE

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), black pumps or trainers. PE will take place every Monday and Wednesday.



We look forward to an exciting and inspiring term ahead full of learning, creativity and fun! Thank you for your continued support at home, it makes a real difference to your child's confidence and progress. We

can't wait to see all of the amazing work the children will achieve this term! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Each Friday, your child will receive times tables to learn for the following Friday where they will be assessed. Please encourage and support your child to regularly practise their times tables. We also kindly ask, wherever possible, to please read with your child and log this in their reading record. Sharing a book together not only helps develop vocabulary and comprehension but also supports confidence, concentration, and communication skills benefiting learning in all areas. Just a little time each day can make a big difference and help foster a lifelong love of reading.

Kind regards,

Year 4 Team