

# Year 5 Newsletter



Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success  
Spring Term 2

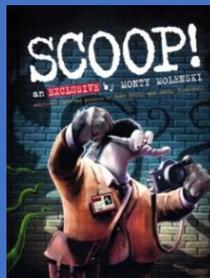
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**  
to  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**



**Theme – Out of This World!**



**What will we read this half term?**



SCOOP! An Exclusive by Monty Molenski – John Kelly

**Monty Molenski is a humble reporter who is convinced that he's always missing out on the big stories. But could it be that Monty isn't noticing what's going on...right under his nose? Thankfully, his photography skills save the day.**

**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**

Our English unit will cover a range of activities which provide opportunities for reading and writing using the text 'SCOOP!'. Your children will be exploring the features of newspapers and writing their own front-page articles. Our SPaG objectives also include direct and reported speech, formal style and possessive pronouns.

Pupils will explore the Big Debate question: Could life exist beyond Earth? They will develop their speaking and listening skills by sharing ideas, presenting evidence, and considering different viewpoints.

We will continue with our oracy skills through the classic poem *The Charge of the Light Brigade* by Alfred Lord Tennyson. This will include learning the poem by heart and performing it aloud, helping students to build confidence, expression and an appreciation of rhythm and storytelling in poetry.

We will also complete weekly Guided Reading, spelling and handwriting activities too.

## Maths

In Maths, we will be working on the following areas:

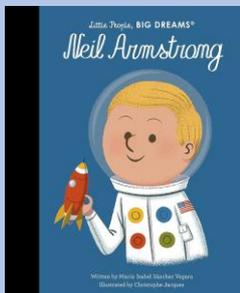
- convert equivalent fractions to decimals
- compare and order decimal numbers
- round decimals to the nearest whole number and 1 decimal place
- understand percentages
- convert percentages to decimals and fractions
- find the perimeter of a rectangle and polygon
- find the area of a rectangle and compound shape



We will also be revising our multiplication and division facts, using the Times Table Rockstars website, which can also be accessed at home. Children have been given their login details and have been shown how to access the resources from home.

## Science

Our Space unit will see the children exploring the planets in our solar system and learning about the sun, moon and stars. We will read about inspiring space pioneers, including Neil Armstrong, Mae Jemison, Sally Ride and Katherine Johnson through *Little People, Big Dreams*, and discover how they helped shape space exploration. We will also visit Jodrell Bank to take part in exciting, space-themed activities and learn about constellations.



## Research - Geography

This half-term, we will be researching the question: where does our energy come from? The children will learn about renewable and non-renewable energy sources, where they come from and their impact on society and the environment.



## Music

Our music learning is focused around the song: 'The Fresh Prince Of Bel-Air'. This is an intergrated approach to music where games, the dimensions of music, singing and playing instruments are all linked. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other old school hip-hop songs.

## PSHCE



Our whole-school PSHCE theme is Healthy Me. The children will be considering making healthy life choices including healthy eating, being physically active and keeping themselves and others safe.

## Art

We will be looking at illustrations from the 'Space Race' era; exploring how imagery was used and how it influenced art and design; learning the term 'retrofuturism' and evaluating images using knowledge of the formal elements.



## PE

In our indoor PE sessions, the children will focus on health-related exercise through circuit activities designed to develop strength, stamina and coordination. They will learn how exercise benefits the body, as well as the importance of warming up, cooling down and working safely.

In our outdoor sessions, the children will build their basketball skills, learning key techniques such as dribbling, passing and shooting through drills and small-sided games. They will also develop teamwork, tactics and an understanding of fair play.

Please note that no jewellery of any kind will be allowed in the P.E. sessions. If your child has recently had their ears pierced and cannot take them out, we ask that you provide tape or plasters to cover them up.

## Computing

This unit gives children the opportunity to learn how to create videos and podcasts in groups. They will develop the skills of capturing, editing, and manipulating audio by working in small groups to investigate the use of devices and software. At the conclusion of the unit, learners have the opportunity to reflect on and assess their progress in creating a podcast about Space.

## Foreign Languages

In this unit, pupils will learn to recognise, recall and spell up to 15 items of clothing in French, using the correct articles. They will describe clothing using colours as adjectives and begin to build simple sentences using je porte (I wear/I am wearing) and the conjunction et (and).



## RE

In this unit, pupils will explore the creation story in Genesis 1 and its significance within the Bible. They will consider different Christian interpretations of the text and discuss whether it conflicts with or complements scientific explanations. By the end of the unit, children will understand that while some people see science and religion as opposing views, others believe they can work together.

## Homework

Your children will continue to receive a piece of English and Maths homework every week and are expected to practise for their weekly times tables/division tests. We ask that you encourage your children to read at home and to please check and sign their Reading Record books weekly.

We also recommend using the Times Table Rockstars website, which can be accessed at home, to support children in their learning of multiplication and division facts.



We really look forward to the half term ahead. If you need to get in touch, please write a note in your child's Reading Record or speak to a member of staff on the classroom door who will be happy to answer any queries.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Coles, Miss Hind, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Corbett & Miss Ravenscroft