

# Year 1 Newsletter



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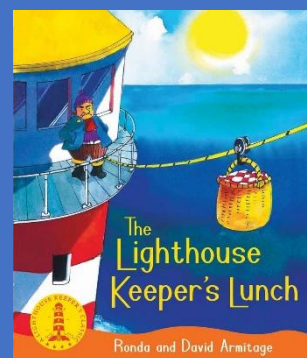
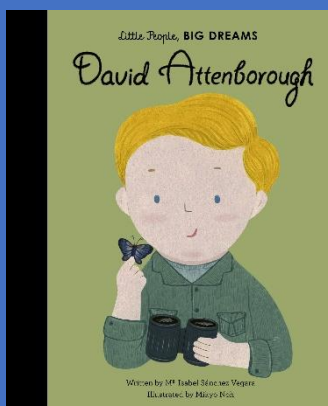
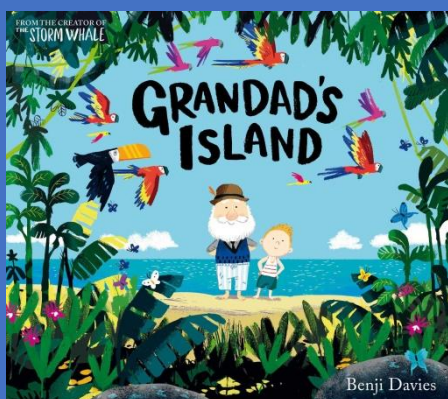
## Summer Term 2

Monday 8th June 2026  
to  
Friday 24th July 2026

### **Theme – Grab Your Passport!**

We hope you have all had a lovely Whit holiday and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new term ahead. This term is our Summer Term and we are delighted to share with you information about all of the topics your child will be learning this half term. Our topic theme for this half term is called Grab Your Passport! We have a very busy half term and we will start the term by learning all about instructions and how to write our very own set of instructions on how to brush your teeth; a very important job! We will then be sharing the story 'Grandad's Island' by Benji Davies.

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



**Grandad's Island by Benji Davies**

**Little People Big Dreams: David Attenborough by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara**

### **Our School Values**

**Achieve**

**Care**

**Value**

**Listen**

**Help**

This term, we will be looking at our 'Care' and 'Achieve' school values. We will be reading the "Little People, Big Dreams" books about David Attenborough and building on our Victorious Voyage Week. We will learn about how David was an explorer. This will reinforce the understanding of our school values 'Care' and 'Achieve'.

## 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 start the half term off by looking at how to write instructions. We will also be exploring the picture book, 'Grandad's Island' by Benji Davies. We will be looking at the meaning of the illustrations in this book and exploring the characters. We will be looking at how authors and illustrators design books and creating our own story boards, eventually writing a story. We will use our Oracy skills to discuss how Grandad is feeling and what the island is like. We will orally rehearse the sentences that we are going to write using our new jungle vocabulary: explore, swamp, horizon, wandered and vacation. Our Big Debate will be: Would you like to live on a tropical island?



### Maths

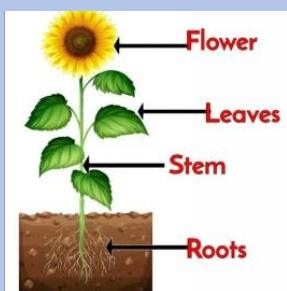
This half term in maths the children will be learning about Place Value and understanding the numbers from fifty to one hundred. We will use the Maths vocabulary, tens, ones, and units.

We will be using maths apparatus such as tens frames and dienes to help us see the size of numbers. We will also look at Multiplication and Division and making arrays. We will then learn about Money and Time.

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 Plants. We will be planting our very own sunflowers thinking about what a sunflower seed needs to grow and how they grow. We will look at the different parts. We will learn about the properties of a flower and about different types of plants and trees. We will also be learning how to care for our school allotment in order to grow our own fruit and vegetables.

### Research Topic

This half term we will be learning to be Historians. We will look at famous Explorers and how Explorers have changed the World. We will learn about what an Explorer is, what they are famous for and how they travelled. The children will learn about Matthew Henson, Christopher Columbus, Dame Ellen MacArthur, Ernest Shackleton and David Attenborough. We will use our drama skills and discussion skills to help us understand how the explored the World.



### Computing

In Computing we will be learning about Coding and Programming and moving a robot. We will learn how to write simple programs and use Beebots.



## Design and Technology



We will develop our cookery through exploring fruit and vegetables. We will identify what is a fruit and what is a vegetable. We will learn what parts of the fruits and vegetables that we can safely eat and eventually we will be making smoothies. Yum!

## PSHE

In PSHE our topic is Changing Me using our PHSE resource Jigsaw. Our PHSE buddies: Jigsaw Jack and Jigsaw Jelly Cat will help the children explore and talk about everyone being unique and special. Together we will explore themes such as expressing feeling and experiencing changes in ourselves. We will also learn to calm our mind and breath.



## Music



This half term, our Music topic is called Reflect, Rewind and Replay. We will look back on our musical year and dip into each topic before to explore our favourite songs and celebrate all that we have learned this year. It will be Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

## PE

Our PE days are on Fridays. Our PE Coach will be teaching Locomotion, this entails jumping and how to control direction and accuracy when jumping and moving. We will participate in Attack and Defence. We will look at games for understand how to attack and defend properly in a safe manner. Please ensure all of your child's PE kit has their name in as their names can wash out this time of year. Please ensure that your child has a black pair of pumps (with their names in).

## Homework

The children will be given a homework task each week on a Friday which is to be handed in by the following Friday.

We will be giving the children phonics lessons that they can watch at home. There will be QR codes to scan and each one relates to a lesson. Please continue to use the Phonic QR Codes

We encourage the children to read for pleasure and they can bring in their own books from home to read and share with others in class.

**In addition, it is extremely important that the children read at home each night for five minutes in order for them to become successful at reading.** Reading is a skill and children need daily practise. We would like to remind parents that your child needs to **read the whole book at least three times in a week, then discuss events and characters from the book with you.**

At this age too, the children need to read other quality picture books and that they hear their parents read to them at bedtime frequently. Reading for pleasure and finding enjoyment in books is very important. The children will visit our School Library each Thursday and will keep this book in school.

Oxford Owl is a website that has free e-reading books for the children including Read, Write Inc books. Please create a free login on the parent's page on this site and help your children to read the storybooks on there. Their address is: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/> or Google Oxford Owl free e-books parent page.

There is a charge for our school Reading Books that are lost or are water damaged by your child's water bottle. Please can you check your child's water bottle does not leak in their bag. All books should be kept in the plastic folder that they are sent home in.

### **Thank you**

We are really looking forward to the warm Summer months ahead! Information too will be sent out on Arbor or the School Newsletter so please check these for up to date information about the exciting events happening in school.

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.victoriousmat.org](mailto:admin@aldwyn.victoriousmat.org) If you need help on how to get the school weekly newsletter or Parentmail please get in touch with the school office 0161 370 3626.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Parks and Mrs Parkes