

Year 5 Newsletter



Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success
Summer Term 2

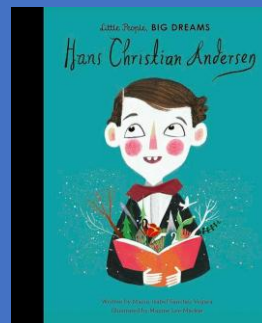
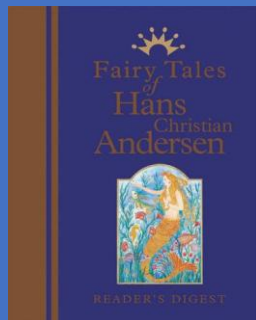
Monday 8th June 2026
to
Friday 24th July 2026



Theme – Exploring Europe



What will we read this half term?



Classic Fairy Tales by Hans Christian Andersen

'The Fairy Tales of Hans Christian Andersen' is a magnificent collection of his most magical works, including The Little Mermaid, The Emperor's New Clothes and The Ugly Duckling. Andersen remains best-known for his exquisite fairy tales which have been delighting both adults and children for over 150 years.

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 a range of Hans Christian Andersen's short stories. The children will be creatively writing persuasive pieces, diary entries and comprehensive reading tasks.

Our SPaG objectives also include; writing in first person, using dialogue to advance the action, adverbials of time and place, using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis and past and progressive tense.

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

Pupils will explore the Big Debate question: Are fairy tales useful for teaching us important life lessons? 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 poem Silver by Walter de la Mare. 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.

Maths

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

- classifying, estimating and measuring angles up to 180°
- calculating angles around a point and on a straight line
- regular and irregular polygons
- 3D shapes
- reading, plotting and problem solving with co-ordinates
- translation, reflection and lines of symmetry
- converting units of measure
- converting between metric and imperial units
- converting units of time



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

This unit is all about forces. The children will learn about types of forces such as gravity, friction, water resistance and air resistance. They will have the opportunity to design their own investigation to test out these forces and learn about the findings of scientists such as Isaac Newton.

Religious Education

In this unit, pupils will think carefully about actions, sources of authority, values, religious and non-religious worldviews. Pupils will spend time thinking about the similarities and differences between Christian and Humanist ideas about how people should live and consider what it means to follow a moral code.

Geography – The Alps

This half-term, we will be finding out about the Alps. The children will be able to locate the Alps on a world map and identify the eight countries they are found in. They will also research and describe the physical and human features of Innsbruck and compare this to the geography of their local area.



Music

This half-term our Year 5 pupils will develop their recorder skills. They will be introduced to eight notes as they build their musical knowledge and confidence.

PSHE

Our whole-school PHSE theme is Changing Me. The children will be considering how to express how they feel when things change, respect when others change and know when to ask for help when things

change.

Art

The children will be looking at architecture. They will be using basic shapes to place key features, form the composition and measuring to work out proportions. They will show understanding of what a monument is for by designing a structure that symbolises a person or event. As part of our work in Art, we will be looking at the inspiring life of Zaha Hadid.



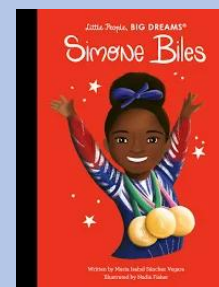
Computing

In this unit, pupils develop their knowledge of selection by revisiting how conditions can be used in programs and then learning how the If... Then... Else structure can be used to select different outcomes depending on whether a condition is true or false. They will use their knowledge of writing programs and using selection to control outcomes to design a quiz in response to a given task.

PE

The PE coach will be teaching football. In this unit, they will be learning to develop control and confidence when dribbling, passing and receiving the ball, improve accuracy and power when shooting and work effectively as part of a team, showing communication and cooperation.

The children will also be learning to play rounders. This will incorporate throwing, catching, batting and teamwork skills.



In addition to this, we will be reading about the incredible gymnast Simone Biles, who is a mental health advocate, Olympic medalist and considered one of the greatest athletes of all time.

Foreign Languages

In this unit Traditions & Cultures, the children will learn how to ask and respond to key questions in French about 5 key traditions and celebrations in the French-speaking world. This is a unit where pupils can express an opinion about a tradition or celebration in French and can develop an appreciation of traditions and celebrations different to their own culture.

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 times-tables and 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 and Miss Ravenscroft