

Year 1 Newsletter



Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success

Autumn Term 1

Friday 4th September 2026
to
Friday 23rd October 2026

Theme – Me, Myself and I

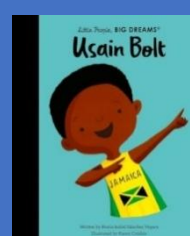
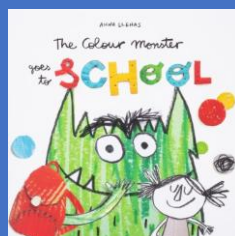
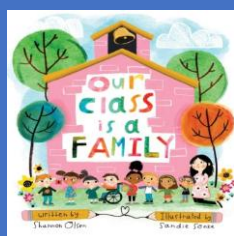
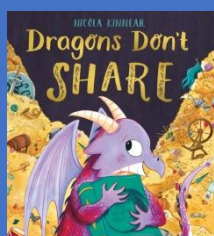
A warm welcome to Year 1 at Aldwyn Primary School. We are very excited to be back after a lovely summer break and to start the new year with your child. The children are settling in beautifully and are enjoying their first half term in Year One. The children look lovely and smart in their new school uniform and new school shoes. Please can you check that you child's uniform has their name written in them especially their jumpers and cardigans.

Our School Values

Achieve Care Value Listen Help

This half term we will be looking at our 'Achieve' and 'Listen' school values. We will be reading the Little People, Big Dreams book about Usain Bolt. We will learn about Usain's life, his talent and about his determination to achieve. We will look at our talents and what we would like to achieve in Year One.

What will we read this half term?



Our topic theme for this half term is called Me, Myself and I. Our topic changes each half term in Year 1. We will start this half term by sharing the book 'Dragons Don't Share' and 'Our Class is a Family'. We will then share the story of The Colour Monster. We will share these stories to help the children to develop a love of reading and we will use these stories as a stimulus for our sentence writing and stories.

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 are using the following books: 'Dragons Don't Share' and 'Our Class is a Family'. In this term we will share the story 'Our Class is a Family' and will be learning about our own families, what makes us special, and about our Aldwyn school family. We will read, 'Dragon's Don't Share' and will be using our phonics to sound out and spell simple words.

We will finally share the story of 'The Colour Monster' where we will learn about our feelings. The children will then be learning about what a sentence is and using our Fred Talk to help us spell words. We will also be writing our own stories called, 'The Colour Monster comes to Aldwyn'. The children will continue with their Read, Write Inc phonics and will have a daily phonic lesson each day.



The children will develop their oracy skills and discuss 'What are you good at?'.

Maths

This term in maths the children will be learning:

- counting, recognising, writing and comparing numbers 0-10
- counting to and from 20 and recognising teens numbers
- counting in tens



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

We will be learning about our Human Body and our five senses. We will be carrying out some fun experiments exploring our senses. We will learn about the different parts of our bodies and use the scientific vocabulary: **sight, hear, touch, smell and taste.**



Research Topic

This half term we will be studying Geography and being geographers.

We will be learning about what our local area is like and what our homes are like. We will learn about maps and what an aerial view is. We will look at maps of our local area and landmarks.

We will learn the Geographical vocabulary: **town, village, city, urban, rural, aerial view and map.**



Phonics

The children will continue to learn Read, Write Inc Phonics building on and consolidating their work in Reception. The children will have a daily phonic lesson where they will learn the Set Two and Set Three sounds. The children will continue to learn 'Fred Talk' and will use this strategy to help them sound out to read words and also spell them. It is important for all of the children to



know their Set 1 sounds by the end of this half term and know how to blend and read and write simple words e.g. cat, dog, sit and sat.

Art

We will be learning to 'Make Your Mark'. In this topic we will be exploring line and different medias to create collaborative pieces of artwork. We will develop our vocabulary knowledge and learn the names of different lines such as diagonal, vertical and horizontal lines.



SEAL, PSHE, SRE

In PSHE our topic is called Being Me In My World! We will learn about our place in the community and how to respect others using our Jigsaw PHSE Curriculum.



Oracy skills will be a big focus in these lessons and we will discuss 'What are you good at?'.

Music

We are looking at the topic Hey You! We will learn about the style of music called Hip Hop. We will listen to the differences in pulse, rhythm and pitch and learn how to rap and enjoy it in its original form.



PE

Our topic this half term is team building games and building on our gymnastics skills from reception. The children will have their PE lessons with our PE Coach, on Wednesdays. Please ensure your child's PE kit is sent into school if it hasn't already been sent in. The children's PE kits will remain in school and will be sent home for washing at the end of this half term. If you need them before then, please let us know and we will send it home.



RE

We will be learning about 'Who do Christians say made the World?', we will look at this through Bible stories in the Christian faith. We will celebrate different religions and festivals. Our lessons will develop our listening and oracy skills.



Homework

The children will have reading homework each night. The children are to practise their Home Reading Book every night for five minutes. The children have been given a Reading Folder with their Home Reading Book, a Reading Record and a Read, Write Inc sound mat. The children will also get a Homework Book with a weekly handwriting task given out on Fridays.

Thank you

We really look forward to the term ahead and give you a warm welcome to Year One. Please also see the dates for your child's PE and Woodland Explorer sessions which are on alternate Wednesdays (once a fortnight). The dates will be sent out on Arbor and are also on the classroom windows. The children need to come to school in their Woodland outfits on these days and will need their indoor school shoes as well as their footwear for the session. 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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards, Mrs Parks and Mrs Parkes.