

Year 3 Newsletter



Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success

Autumn Term 1

Friday 4th September 2026
to
Friday 23rd October 2026

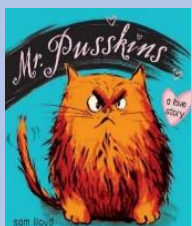
Theme – 'Food, glorious food!'

Welcome back! We hope you and your children have had a lovely time over the summer break and have been able to relax and enjoy some sunshine ready for the exciting term ahead. To develop a love of reading, please 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 record and have it signed.

Our PE lesson is on alternate Tuesdays, please ensure your child has their PE kit (plain white T-shirt and black shorts) in school at all times.

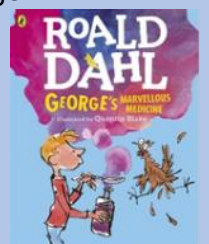
In addition to this, children will also need their outdoor 'Woodland Explorer' session on the other alternate Tuesday. This should be weather appropriate clothing, suitable footwear and a coat (a waterproof one if you have one).

English



This term, we will be reading 'Mr Pusskins' written by the award winning author Sam Lloyd. This love story is about a grumpy, pampered cat who craves adventure! There will be lots of writing opportunities to develop reading and comprehension skills. We will make predictions, practise retrieving information from the text, develop our inference skills and explore new vocabulary. We will then move onto structuring sentences using capital letters, full stops and coordinating conjunctions using lots of adventurous language.

In addition to this, we will be reading George's Marvellous medicine written by Roald Dahl. We will be writing setting and character descriptions before moving on to writing a set of instructions. We will also be using the rhymes from George's Marvellous Medicine to write our very own poems. Children will revisit phonics sounds and spellings from Year 2 as well as opportunities to learn new spelling patterns.



Our Oracy Big Debate will be based on our English text - George's Marvellous Medicine. The children will debate whether or not George was right to give Grandma the medicine using a variety of stem sentences including,

I agree because....

I disagree with...because...

In my opinion....

Guided Reading



As part of our 'Food, Glorious Food' theme, our guided reading sessions will explore a varied range of genres including The Gruffalo Crumble. Through the story, we will develop our decoding, comprehension and vocabulary skills, while making links to our wider learning about food.

We will use the Reading Gems to guide our questioning and discussions, encouraging the children to predict, summarise, retrieve, define, sequence, explore, compare and relate different aspects of the text. These questions will help us to deepen our understanding of the story, characters, events and key vocabulary.

Our reading of 'The Gruffalo Crumble' will also provide a lovely link to Design and Technology, where we will have the opportunity to make our very own Crumble.

Maths

In maths, over the next few weeks, we will learn:

- Understand and use Place Value
- Representing numbers to 1000
- Comparing and ordering numbers
- Partitioning numbers to 1000
- Counting in steps of 25, 50 and 100
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Estimating
- Problem solving

Science

In our science work, we will be learning about the different food groups and the nutrition that they provide us. We will understand the impact the different food groups have on the human body, then we will design our own healthy menus.



Geography – Where does our food come from?

This half term, we will be exploring the continents and the different biomes to find out where different foods come from around the world, and how this can impact on our environment.

Music

This half term, the children will be listening to, appraising and improvising music based on the song 'Let your Spirit Fly.' This unit focuses on RnB music, introducing children to the style, its structure and the foundational dimensions of music like pulse, rhythm, and pitch.



PE

In PE, we will be looking at different skills involved in basketball. The children will work on their own, in pairs and small groups to develop their knowledge and understanding of invasion games.

Art

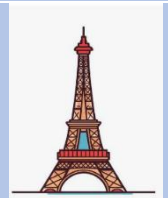
We will be looking at the drawings and illustrations of Quentin Blake. Using pen, pencil and watercolours we will have a go at drawing in Blake's style.

Quentin Blake illustrated many of Roald Dahl's stories, and we will be looking out for these while reading George's Marvellous Medicine.



French

We will start learning French this half term! Our topic is **J'apprends le français!** This simply means that we are learning basic French greetings, and asking people how they are and what they are called.



PSHE

The unit for this term is: 'Being Me in My World.' We will understand how to value ourselves and others. We will recognise how it feels to be happy, sad or scared and identify if others are feeling these emotions. We will understand that our behaviour brings rewards / consequences.



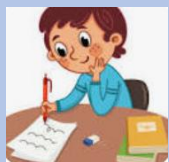
R.E.

Our R.E question this half term is – **What is it like for someone to follow God?**

We will begin by looking in the Old Testament of the Bible and investigating the story of Noah and the great flood.



Homework



A piece of English and Maths will be given every Friday. This should be returned by the following Wednesday. Please support your child with their homework and getting it completed and handed back into school on time.

We are looking forward to the term ahead. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Thank you for your continued support,
Kind regards,

Year 3 Team