

Year 4 Newsletter



Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success

Autumn Term 1

Friday 4th September 2026
To
Friday 23rd October 2026

The Emerald Kingdom

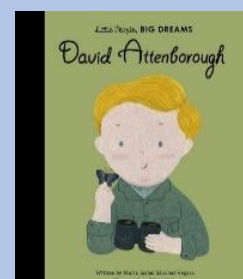
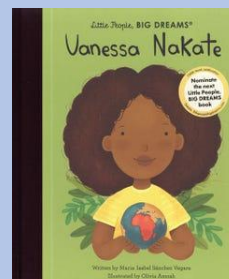
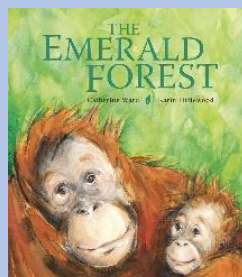
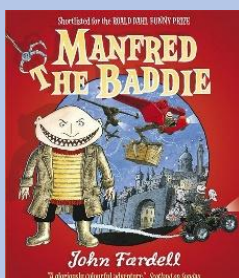


We hope you and your children have had a lovely time over the summer holidays and are ready for the fun and exciting challenges ahead. Our theme for this half-term is called 'The Emerald Kingdom'.

Our School Values

Achieve **Care** **Value** **Listen** **Help**

English



This term, we will be exploring the entertaining story of *Manfred the Baddie*. The children will use the text as inspiration for a range of exciting reading and writing activities, while revisiting and building upon previously taught knowledge and skills. We will be revising the use of expanded noun phrases to add detail and interest to our writing, as well as focusing on accurate sentence structure, punctuation and vocabulary choices. As the unit progresses, the children will develop their persuasive writing skills, culminating in the creation of their own persuasive letters. We are looking forward to seeing Year 4 use their creativity and growing confidence as writers!

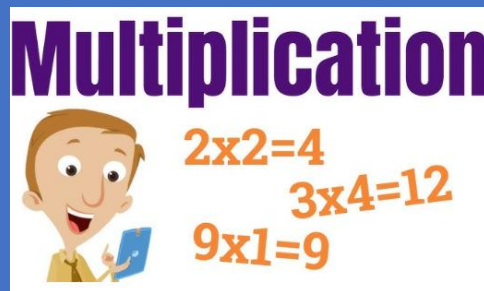
This term, Year 4 will be developing their oracy skills through a thought-provoking debate inspired by *Manfred the Baddie*. Manfred is a character who looks like a typical villain, but as we learn more about him, we discover that he may not be as bad as he first appears! This will lead us to explore the question, "Is it possible to be a good person and still do bad things?" The children will share their opinions, listen carefully to different viewpoints and use evidence from the story to support their ideas. We look forward to seeing them build their confidence, speak clearly, respectfully challenge one another and consider different perspectives.

We will then go on to read the *Emerald Forest* which focuses on a family of Orangutans whose habitat becomes endangered due to deforestation. We will be linking our learning to our exciting rainforest topic and the children will immerse themselves in the sights, sounds and atmosphere of the rainforest.

Maths

We'll be very busy in maths, with the focus of our learning being:

- Column Addition and subtraction
- Place value with numbers up to 1000
- Applying place value to addition and subtraction with multiples of a hundred.
- Calculation and conversion of measures
- Comparing, ordering and rounding four digit numbers
- Arithmetic Fridays incorporating times table practise.



It is now compulsory that all children in Year 4 take part in the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in the summer term. For more information about this please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>

In preparation for the MTC, this year we will be doing lots of times tables practise and we'll be using the website -TT Rock Stars. We strongly advise that you allow your child to use this website as much as possible at home, as the more practise they get, the more confident and quicker they will become at their times tables.

Science

This term in Science, we will explore different habitats and learn how plants and animals depend on each other through food chains.

We will also investigate deforestation and consider how changes to habitats can affect living things and the wider environment.



Art and Design



This term in Art, our topic is 'Fabric of Nature'. We will use images of the Amazon Rainforest as inspiration to explore its rich colours, patterns and textures through our own sketches. Children will then use their artwork and ideas to create vibrant mood boards inspired by the natural world.

Please don't forget to send in your old magazines to help us create our mood boards.

P.S.H.E.

This half term our topic is '**Being Me in My World**'. We will explore what it means to belong to a community, how we can make positive contributions and the importance of treating others with kindness and respect. Children will consider their roles and responsibilities and how we can work together to create a happy and supportive community.



Geography

We will be finding out all about **rainforests**. We will explore the world's different biomes, locate where tropical rainforests are found and discover what makes them unique. Children will also learn about the people and animals that call the rainforest home and how they have adapted to this fascinating environment.

French

Our topic this half-term is 'Je me presente', where children learn vocabulary about themselves so that they can answer simple questions and communicate personal details such as their name, age, how they are feeling and where they live. As usual we will start with speaking and listening skills, then begin to read and write as the vocabulary becomes more familiar.



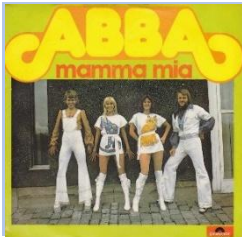
Religious Education



We will explore the question '**What kind of world did Jesus want?**' Children will learn about Jesus' teachings and consider how he encouraged people to show kindness, love and forgiveness. We will also think about how Christians today try to follow these teachings in their everyday lives.

P.E.

The children will be working on invasions skills with our new P.E. coach. They will practise passing the ball in hockey, whilst trying to intercept the opponent.



Music

We will be learning about the fabulous group Abba! The children will learn to listen to, appraise and sing and perform the song Mamma Mia. Look out for our performance for parents later on in the year.

Computing

This half term is all about networks and how information is shared from one to the other on the internet. Whilst exploring this, we will also be thinking about the information we sent to other people online and how safe this may be.



Homework

Homework will continue to come home every Friday and needs to be returned by the following Wednesday. As usual this will be a piece of maths and English which follows on from the work we have been doing in class that week.

Your child will also bring home a reading book and library book. We are focussing specifically on comprehension and understanding of different texts. You can support your child by asking them questions and encouraging them to give their opinions about what they have read.

In addition, the children will have weekly times tables to learn, given out every Friday, with a check the following Friday to see how they are getting on.

We are really looking forward to all the exciting learning and experiences this term has to offer! If you have any questions or would like to chat about what's happening in Year 4, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and encouragement, it truly makes a difference!

Kind regards,
Year 4 Team