



SCHOOL YEAR 2017/2018 - NEWSLETTER NO 6

New Year, New Opportunities

Happy New Year to you all! Thank you to everyone for their kind words, cards and gifts over the Christmas period. It really does mean a lot. My first Christmas at Aldborough was great fun, jam packed full of fabulous team work, extremely talented staff and children and a really supportive community. The many successful Christmas events organised by the school community was testament to the hard work of everybody involved. What more can you ask for?! Thank you.

As the Spring Term begins, our energies will be focused on continuing to deliver a varied creative curriculum, focusing on the wider world, developing children's geographic awareness and multiculturalism. If you have any resources, experiences or skills linked to these areas, then please don't hesitate to share. A whole week devoted to all things AFRICAN has been planned for mid-February, with visits from a storyteller and drumming workshop planned. Please continue to make the most of all reading opportunities, enjoying a wide range of books with your children. Of course, if you're available to volunteer in school (especially Wednesday mornings), then we'd welcome you with open arms.

Very best wishes, Mrs Read



Aldborough Polite Requests



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – Thank you to everyone who has completed the form to secure a place at a SPRING TERM After School Club. Both Karate and Dance are being funded through our Sports Premium Funding and are KS2 clubs. These clubs are FREE. Places are still available so please contact the office if your child would like to join a club.

SICKNESS/ABSENCE REPORTING – When calling to notify the school of your child's absence, please provide brief details giving the reason for their absence. As a school we are required to code absences. Many thanks.

SCHOOL LUNCH PAYMENT – On Mondays Tracy collects lunch payments for the week from within the dining room. It is very helpful if all payments are received at the start of the week, unless your child is off sick. If it is easier for you then Tracy is happy to receive half termly/termly payments. Cheques should be made payable to Aldborough Primary School. Thank you for your continued support.



Aldborough Working Together



GoGo Hares 2018 – We've registered! If you would like to be part of our GoGo Hare Creative Team then please let the office know. We're aiming to making this a whole school community project. Our Aldborough Hare will leap into school during March so we'd best get planning our design.

PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE – You will have seen the signs on roads surrounding the school that there are planned road closures for 5 days from JANUARY 29th due to BT works. Having spoken to Norfolk County Council today, we have been informed that from Town Green, Alby to St Ethelbert's Church will be affected. Diversion signs will apparently be erected. Best get my Sat Nav out and explore the beautiful countryside around Aldborough



Aldborough Class News



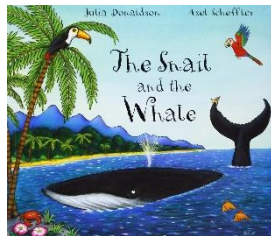
Class 1 Mrs Marshall

Class 1 will be off on a journey around the world, stopping off in the rainforests of Brazil, the great cities of New York and Beijing, Timbuktu in Mali and not forgetting the great British seaside! We will look at the lives of people who live there and the features of their environments. This will also inform our art work, exploring art from around the world. Year 1 children will investigate this further during their trip to the Sainsbury's Art Centre in Norwich.



We will also be thinking about how our bodies work which will be especially important for our PE this term which is based on Dance.

ENGLISH: In our Phonics Reception Children will move onto sounds with two letters. They will also be thinking about instructions and how to write them using our range of big books. The Year 1's will continue with their range of sounds, including weekly spelling tests. Please ensure that your children practise their spellings each week because this really does help with their writing. Literacy lessons in Year 1 will be linked to a variety of story books including *The Snail and the Whale*, *Dear Greenpeace* and *Handa's Surprise*. We will be learning more about writing formal and informal letters. In the coming weeks we will be focusing on information writing before moving onto work on instructions.



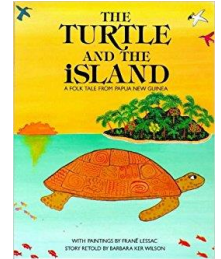
MATHS: The Reception children will be thinking about calendars and time, as well as becoming secure in their number knowledge, first with numbers to 10, then numbers to 15, including adding and subtracting. The Year 1 children will continue working on addition and subtraction within 20 including exploring calculation strategies and carrying out problem solving activities. This should provide them with a solid basis for their next steps of learning about numbers to 50. Later, work will focus on time and fractions.

If your child is in Reception, please do add your own entries to the Tapestry system, because this really does help us gain a wider knowledge of your child and their learning.

All children will need a PE kit, including clothing suitable for outside lessons. Having this, plus wellies in school, supports Outdoor Learning. Please do let us know if you have any questions or queries.

Class 2 Mr Caston

This term Class 2 will explore the continent of Asia. Our class will become Geography experts, learning lots about Asian Culture to include where countries are located on earth and how their climates compare to where we live.



ENGLISH: When we stop off at the tropical paradise of Papua New Guinea, we will enjoy folk tales, writing one of our own based on the books that we will be reading: *The Turtle and the Island*, *Six Suns* and *How the Moon was Created*. Lots of shared reading at home is always valuable and really supports our love of books at school.

Following this, on route to China, Japan and India, we will read and explore information books, reading them and creating our own fact files. This will lead into Africa week straight after half term, when we will focus on African food and recipes, creating our own instructions for a delicious dish. Yum yum.

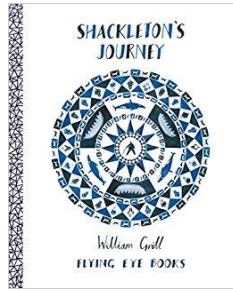
MATHS: We will be studying time which will be helpful for us to calculate flight times between our destinations. We will then be moving on to fractions which will help us with our Recipe work during the upcoming Africa Week. Addition and subtraction, linked to word problems, will continue to be developed. At home it would be really helpful if you could practise recalling number bonds quickly and accurately.

Dance and learning to play games from around the world will be part of our PE this term. We will write instructions to support this. On top of all of this, a trip to the Sainsbury's Centre will inspire our Art this term which will be based around the five holy animals of India.

Do you have any Asian artefacts or knowledge you could share with our class? If so, speak with Mr Caston who will be grateful of your support.

Class 3 Mr Care

ENGLISH: In Class 3 our topic this term will be Explorers and our English work will be based around the fabulous book *Shackleton's Journey*. We will be learning to write letters, diary entries and we may even have time for a newspaper article or two. If parents have any expert knowledge of Shackleton they would like to share or anything interesting to bring in please let Mr Care know. This English topic will be linked with geography work on map reading, exploring different climates and locational knowledge. It will also provide the basis of PSHE work themed around teamwork and collaboration.

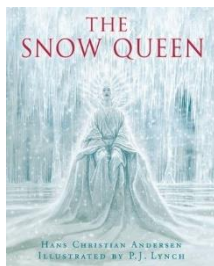


MATHS: We will be learning about multiplication and division. Times tables will be sent home weekly and regularly used in class, so it is very important the children begin to learn them off by heart. Remember, you can help your child with division by using the language of dividing and sharing at home. For example, when cutting a cake or a pizza.

Our music and ICT will link to our topic work this half term and our DT project will be designing a sea worthy vessel to explore the Antarctic! Our PE will be dance and hockey. As we will be outdoors please bring some tracksuit bottoms and a hoodie or warm top to keep warm.

Class 4 Mr Barnard

ENGLISH: Class 4 will be finding out what happens to Kay in the classic fairy tale *The Snow Queen* by Hans Christian Andersen. This will be the main focus for our English work, supporting our winter descriptive writing, widening our vocabulary and use of different sentence structures for effect. Alongside narrative writing, we will have targeted National Curriculum grammar lessons.



MATHS: We will be extending our knowledge of decimals, fractions and percentages, using our learning in different contexts and to solve problems. Also, we will be refreshing our understanding of length, specifically area and perimeter, converting measures. We will be completing a class fitness test that will help us to

understand data and statistics through 2018. This will be used later in the year to compare and contrast the data collected. Our work on times tables will continue, which has been supported greatly at home (Thank you). I would like to congratulate Connie and Tilly who have completed the initial challenge and will be looking forward to practising and cementing their prize winning knowledge, whilst hoping to be joined by others in the class in the coming weeks.

HUMANITIES: We will be building on our knowledge of oceans and rivers globally which will support our scientific investigations into the water cycle through various experiments and demonstrations. In order to continue to make the good choices (that will lead us to success) we will focus on harnessing a positive mindset through our PSHE lessons, utilising discussion and meditation to promote a positive new year for all. Our Tuesday PE will be dance for this half term and Friday's lessons will be either karate/netball.

Class 5 Mrs Morgan

ENGLISH: In Class 5 the children will be looking at the genre of Science Fiction; writing a novel set on a planet in a galaxy far, far away. Incidentally, and to help our background knowledge, we will be revising our understanding of the solar system using information books as well as exploring the creation story from the Bible and other cultures. As well as creating a story, we will be using and applying a range of punctuation for effect as well as working on National Curriculum grammar.

MATHS: We will be revising number facts and proceeding to work on sequences, including those with negative numbers, fractions, data and co-ordinates as well as conversions between different units of measure.

HUMANITIES: Geography is our focus and the class will be studying the course of the river Mississippi creating a 3 D model of the three stages and studying the wildlife and demography of the river. Art will start with masks in the style of Modigliani and then proceed to looking at the naïve art of Henri Rousseau, using his inspirational jungle pictures to create the landscape of the planet at the centre of our own science fiction novels.



SCIENCE: We are going to study the heart, keeping fit and healthy and then light and finally electric circuits. There will be some SAT test practice questions included in the timetable to familiarise the Year 6 with the format for the formal tests in May. That should keep us all very busy!

KEY DATES

JANUARY	
Tuesday 9th	Premier Sport Dance lessons; After school Dance Club begins 3:15-4:15 FREE
Wednesday 10th	Open morning for Reception 2018 9:30am, 11am
Friday 12 th	Application closes for Reception '18
Monday 15th	Paul Evans (runner) in assembly
Wednesday 17 th	NHS Flu immunisation catch up a.m After school Karate Club starts 3:15-4:15 FREE
Monday 22 nd	Cross Country, Holt Hall a.m
Friday 26 th	Y1 & Y2 trip to Sainsbury Arts Centre, UEA
w/c Monday 29 th	National Storytelling Week
FEBRUARY	
Friday 2 nd	Friends : Bingo Night 6:30pm
Monday 5th	NSPCC KS1 & KS2 assemblies, Y5/6 workshop

Thursday 8th	AHS Y6 dodgeball training session
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	Half Term Break
Monday 19 th	Whole School: AFRICA WEEK Paul Jackson African Storytelling assembly and group sessions
Thursday 22 nd	School Nurse – Reception Health Check
Friday 23 rd	African drumming workshops; no NCC instrument lessons
Thursday 28th	Cross Country, North Norfolk Championships
Thursday 1 st	World Book Day – dress as your favourite book character
MARCH	
Tuesday 6th	AHS Y6 dodgeball tournament
Wednesday 7 th	Parent Dyslexia workshop@AHS 9:30am
Friday 9th	Friends: Mothers' Day Shop
Saturday 10 th	Family Learning London Day Trip – Science Museum/Natural History Museum (see flyer)
Tuesday 13 th	Year 5 Science & Farming Trip to Royal Norfolk Showground
Wednesday 28th	End of Spring Term; Friends: Easter Egg Hunt
APRIL	
Monday 16 th April	Start of Summer Term

Friends of Aldborough Primary

If you have time to spare, the Friends of Aldborough Primary would be grateful of any additional help. All money raised supports children's learning, covering the cost of coaches for a range of valuable educational trips (£150-175 per coach). Thank you for your ongoing support – it really helps.

Stepping Stones After School Club

Available Monday to Friday, 3.15pm - 5.30pm. Come and join in the fun – loads of activities – snacks and drinks provided. Call 01263 768766 or email:

steppingstonesafterschoolclub@btconnect.com