



SCHOOL YEAR 2017/2018 - NEWSLETTER NO 8

What a great start we've had to this half term! Africa Week resulted in a real buzz around the school as children had a wide variety of fun learning experiences helping them to develop their understanding of the wider world around them. From learning African tribal songs, to African drumming, to food chains of African wildlife, to learning about a Victorian African Explorer, to tasting delicious delicacies, to using African artefacts collected during visits, to African storytelling, there was something for everyone. Thank you to all who contributed to what was a brilliant week in school.



*Very best wishes
Mrs Read*



Aldborough Polite Requests



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – Currently whole school attendance is 95.9%, having dropped from 96.67% at the end of the Autumn Term. Please continue to follow school procedures if you are considering taking your child out of school during term time and make an appointment to speak to Mrs Read.

SCHOOL ABSENCE – Please do ensure that you contact the school office if your child is unwell. Messages can be left on the school answerphone. Please notify the school by 9:20 at the latest. As we are required to provide the reason for absence, it really helps if brief details can be shared. Many thanks for your continued support.



Aldborough Working Together



ALDBOROUGH's GoGoHare DESIGN: Thank you so much to everybody who has taken the time to commit their design ideas to paper. All who contributed will receive their own GoGo Hare Thank you prize by the end of term. Materials have been ordered and should arrive early this week. The final design is now in its last stages, with a focus on community involvement, the countryside and our passion for reading. Watch this space! All children will be featured on our GoGoHare so it'll be fun finding your child's contribution when you visit the exhibition during the summer.

ALDBOROUGH GOUNDFORCE TEAM: It has been brought to our attention that some of those who supported our grounds development/clear up back in Autumn, would be willing to make a return visit in the Spring. Clearly the bacon butties offered to those who worked so hard on the day, are a great enticement for a repeat visit. Please do let Mrs Read or the Office know if you'd like to join the Aldborough Groundforce Strike 2 adventure.

ALDBOROUGH FUNDRAISING: A big thank you to everyone who sponsored Mrs Read, Mrs Taylor and Kerry, who ran 10km at Catton Park, Norwich in aid of the Stroke Association. It was a beautifully sunny morning, yet bitterly cold at the same time. Well done to all involved – plus their cold supporters who cheered them on!





Aldborough Class News



Class 1 Mrs Marshall

Our travelling theme continues with our new topic: Explorers. We will be finding out about different explorers, and go with them on their travels to India, Australia and even into space. We will be investigating how exploring has changed from life on the high seas with Captain Cook, to the modern day exploration of space on the International Space Station.

Science/DT: Our science this term will be all about our bodies and how to keep them healthy. We will also investigate how we find our way around the world using our senses. This will influence our DT work in which we will investigate and then design our own lunch boxes and how to keep food safe.

English/Reading:

Phonics work will continue for both the Year 1's and Reception children, and the Year 1



children will continue to have spelling tests on Friday. We do look at these in school, but please do take time to practise them with your children.

The Year 1 children will begin the half term with African stories. This will be linked to the Africa week and will focus on characters and settings. Later they will move onto non-fiction writing about insects. We hope to receive some information about mini beasts from the Woodland Trust in response to the letters we wrote last half term.

Maths: In maths the Reception children will be concentrating on number work, learning their numbers to 20, and adding and subtracting them. They will also be doubling and halving, as well as starting to group and share.

Y1 children will be exploring calculation strategies involving addition and subtraction. They will move onto numbers to fifty before starting work on fractions. Try to begin talking about halving and quartering pizzas!

Music/PE: All children will be putting tuned and percussion instruments to familiar songs. In PE we continue with the Dance unit and will also be working on our ball skills.

We're looking forward to another busy half term.

Class 2 Mr Caston

After a successful half term studying Asia, we will enjoy immersing ourselves in another culture: Africa. Our first week back at school was Africa Week and the whole school were involved in a number of exciting workshops: listening to tales from the storyteller; drumming workshop; tasting African foods.



English: We will be reading the African story 'The Hunter' then have a class debate based on the question 'Should hunting be allowed?' We will then move on to study some African fables including 'Why Anansi has eight skinny legs.' After enjoying and deconstructing the moral behind this fable we will write our own using the story structure, description and redrafting to further improve our stories.

Maths: Money will be our focus, including working out change and then moving on to learn about the properties of 2D and 3D. We will also experiment with pattern making and how to describe position, direction and movement which links in with our Dance lessons in P.E.

Science: We will learn more about our nervous and cardiovascular system and how this links to a healthy lifestyle and diet. The children will also investigate what microbes (germs) live on our hands and learn the importance of good hygiene when trying to keep healthy.

ART/DT: We will use the Africa week as a starting point for our art lessons about African masks. We will create clay and paper mache masks. Also we will find out about how masks are used in different tribes and what they represent.

PE: On Tuesdays we will continue to be taught Dance as well as enjoy PE games sessions.

I hope you have had a great break and you are all looking forward to our exciting topic ahead. If you have any books or artefacts linking to Africa please bring them into class so we can discover more together. Thank you.

Class 3 Mr Care

English: During the second half of the Spring Term, Class 3



will continue to focus on Explorers. We will consider how it might feel to arrive in a strange land; these emotions will be represented through drama, and the children will create play scripts. We will be learning to use adverbs and prepositions, to help us develop our writing, and provide stage directions for our performances. Following on from this, we will be writing poetry throughout the second half of the term. We will use the effect of the experience on the character's senses, to inform our writing. Performance will again be the focus, and we will consider how to improve our oral poetry through changes in pace and volume.

Reading: With World Book Day this half term we would like to share some of our favourite books with the children and will be encouraging them to share their own favourites with the class. We will be asking the children to review some of their favourite books.

Maths: We will consolidate our understanding of time focussing on analogue and then digital time. This will be followed by fractions, where we will be learning to recognise equivalent fractions and add fractions with the same denominator. We will also be improving our number fluency, by continuing to work on our number facts, including times tables. Your help practising these at home is greatly appreciated.

Science: We will be continue our work with forces, focusing on magnetism, which will support our work in Geography. We will be exploring magnetic materials, and comparing magnets' strengths. We will also link this to our work on explorers by learning to use compasses and testing magnetic materials in water.



Humanities: Our topic work will link to our English work, with a focus on mountainous regions. We will be developing a greater understanding of where mountains can be found in the world and features of their climates. If anyone has any information to share please pop into class.

Art/DT: We will be using collage techniques to produce textured artwork, which will represent the environments that we will have been describing in

our English work. It would be very helpful if parents could bring in any non-perishable, recyclable items (cardboard boxes and tubes, magazines, foil wrappers etc) for us to use!

PE: This half term the children will be lucky enough be visited by two guest instructors, who will share their expertise. On Tuesdays they will be learning to create a dance routine based on robots, and Fridays they will be learning about discipline, concentration and self-control by studying Karate.

Class 4 Mr Barnard

English: We will be completing our story writing based around the classic fairy tale *The Snow Queen* by Hans Christian Anderson, moving onto exploring some classic poetry (e.g. From a Railway Carriage). The great outdoors will inspire our poetry, using a range of poetic devices to engage our audience. We will focus on varying the use of different sentence starters, making use of subordinate clauses to add detail and description. In preparation for our Class Assembly on Friday 9th March everyone will work collaboratively, writing and performing scripts, speaking with confidence and clarity.



Maths: In Maths we will progress to success with our times tables as well as develop our ability to tell the time and solve time problems. Could your child be the third to complete the Times Tables Challenge? We will move onto investigating the intriguing world of geometry later in the term. Our continuing work on class fitness will help us to understand data and statistics through 2018, when we revisit it later in the year, comparing and contrasting the data collected. Our work on times tables will continue, which has been supported greatly at home (Thank you),

Science: We will be reviewing and expanding our knowledge of forces with lots of exciting investigations planned by Mrs Cuthill.

PE: Tuesday PE will be dance for this half term focusing around the topic of the Antarctica and Friday's lessons will be swimming with Mr Barnard, netball with Mrs Cuthill for the Year 5's and Year 4's will be practising their hockey skills with Mr Care.

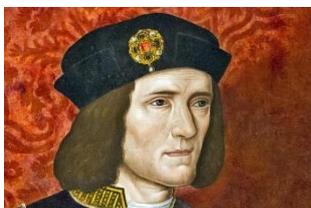
Art/DT: We will be creating African instruments, using the Djembe drum to compose pieces of

music. Our Art/DT work will be linked to our English work, focusing on using the great outdoors to learn about landscape artists as well as create our own works of art.

PSHE: To ensure and continue to make the good choices that will lead us to success, we will continue to focus on a positive mindset through our PSHE lessons utilising discussion and meditation to promote a positive half term for all in Class 4. This will hopefully also lead to our good choices jar being filled to the brim and our fantastically exciting treat will take place in the coming weeks, keep an eye out for the letter and clean up your wellies Class 4!

Class 5 Mrs Morgan

English: This half term the class will finish their science fiction novellas and the stories will be used to present the



Class 5 assembly. For the rest of the term the context for our writing will be Shakespeare’s history play Richard 111 and we will explore some of the ‘inaccuracies’ demonstrating how Shakespeare may have played with the facts. Spelling will focus on some of common rules and I will be teaching ways of remembering them. Although there will continue to be spellings to learn, the focus is very much how the rule can work to help remember the spelling. In grammar we are looking at sentence structure, the passive voice, subjunctive and the various verb forms as well as subordinating and coordinating conjunctions. Although the Year 6 need to be able to recall the technical vocabulary for their tests, it is also important they know how the grammatical conventions affect the style of their writing, throughout the grammar taught will be applied in writing.

Maths: We will focus on embedding the number and algebra already introduced. A continuing necessity has to be to learn times tables as committing them to memory is the single most effective way of improving mathematical performance. For those children who are not yet fluent in their recall of multiplication, facts homework will focus on learning them (lots are already great - but the practice is useful). We will also work on measure, conversions between

units, time and the properties of both 2 D and 3D shape.

Science: We will be exploring light followed by some investigations into the topics introduced in previous years - especially Year 5. The list includes forces and resistance, solution and suspension as well as insulation, condensation and evaporation.



Art/DT: In art, Africa week will inspire some sculptured heads, an opportunity to hone the skills used in the Modigliani heads. Following this we will be looking at the collages of Henri Rousseau (We ran out of time last half term) but applying perspective to the work rather than Rousseau’s naive style.

Humanities: Because of the organisation of the timetable to aid the Year 6 for this half term, Mr Portas, whose sons were both pupils here at Aldborough, will be planning and delivering Humanities. He will be teaching Islam as part of the RE programme of study.

French: This will continue on Tuesdays but until SATs Class 5 will lose their music session in order that PE can continue. We appreciate this loss will be a blow but rest assured we will focus on more music post May. Any parents who might like to support the class, if they have any spare time and would be interested, then please let me know it would be lovely to hear from you.

KEY DATES

FEBRUARY	
Wednesday 28th	Cross Country, North Norfolk Championships
MARCH	
Thursday 1 st	World Book Day – dress as your favourite book character – catwalk at 9am; NCBC Book Sale in school
Tuesday 6th	AHS Y6 dodgeball tournament a.m
Wednesday 7 th	Parent Dyslexia workshop@AHS 9:30am
Friday 9th	9:15am Class 4 assembly-parents welcome ; Mothers’ Day Shop
Saturday 10 th	Family Learning London Day Trip – Science Museum/Natural History

Monday 12 th	SCIENCE DAY: practical investigations
Tuesday 13 th	Year 5 Science & Farming Trip to Royal Norfolk Showground
Wednesday 14 th	Choir at Norwich Cathedral 5-5:45pm parents welcome
Thursday 15 th	Parents' Evening (information to follow)
Friday 16 th	Happy Puzzle Company leading Coding workshops throughout school
Tuesday 20 th	Paston 600 Project- Class 3 Living History workshop
Friday 23 rd	9:15am Class 5 assembly-parents welcome
Monday 26 th	Easter Fayre and competitions KS1: Easter bonnet KS2: egg inspired models (3D)
Wednesday 28 th	9:15am Class 3 assembly End of Spring Term; Friends: Easter Egg Hunt
APRIL	

3rd & 4th 10th & 11th	Premier Sport Easter Sport Camps (Free places available. Please speak to the office)
Monday 16 th	Start of Summer Term
Friday 20 th	9:15am Class 2 assembly-parents welcome; 'Norfolk Welcomes Day' – the role of refugees in Norfolk's Past
Saturday 21 st	AHS Family Learning Day at Woodgate Nursery – thank you to the volunteers running Aldborough's event
MAY	
Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th	Level 2 Cycling Course (Y5)
14th – 18th	KS2 SATs week

