



SCHOOL YEAR 2017/2018 - NEWSLETTER NO 11

Summer Term is blossoming

Thank you to the amazing group of parents and children who led Aldborough's activity at Saturday's Aylsham Cluster Family Learning event. The sun definitely shone on you all at Woodgate Garden Centre. The mini-greenhouses looked great and were clearly popular.

Gressenhall Trip: Last week Classes 1 & 2 enjoyed a fun packed trip in the glorious sunshine. Many of them have already told me all about the tractor ride which they loved.



Aldborough Information



ATTENDANCE & ABSENCE REQUESTS – Currently whole school attendance has risen to 96.06% which is good and has a positive impact on children's learning. Should you need to speak to Mrs Read regarding an absence request for your child, then please email office@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk or make an appointment by speaking to Mrs Hall or Mrs Knight in the office (01263 761264).

INSTRUMENT LESSONS – On Friday the Head of the Music Service visited Aldborough to provide our Friday afternoon instrument lessons. She was very impressed by the standard of playing, especially from those who only started learning this year. Well done and keep practising. (Invoices for instrument lessons were sent home on Friday and are due to be paid by Friday 27th April.)

BREAKFAST CLUB SEPTEMBER 2018: Plans are being put in place so that on week days from September 2018 we will be offering a Breakfast Club from 8am. Kerry (and Tracy) has kindly offered to take a lead with the day to day running of this new provision for parents.

LOST PROPERTY: New Lost Property 'bins' can be found in the cloakrooms.

Aldborough Working Together



PE Kits: Please ensure that children have a change of clothes to wear for PE, along with trainers/plimsolls .

It would be great if everyone brought in a plain white t-shirt & navy/black shorts

PAINTING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Our black school railings are looking rather tired and in need of a freshen up. Over the summer months it would be great if we were able to get them painted. If you know of anyone who may be able to help us, be it free black paint, or a few spare hours to paint some of them, we'd love to hear from you.

LOTTERY BID: Last week a bid for £10,000 was submitted to 'Awards for All' to fund a trim trail. We should hear within 6 weeks whether it's been successful. Once we get the nod (fingers crossed), children will be involved in designing the new play equipment, making the most of our extensive grounds.

MUD KITCHEN: Class 1 would love a Mud Kitchen. If you can help, please speak to Mrs Marshall to make this dream a reality.

AYLSHAM CLUSTER FAMILY LEARNING DAY: This takes place on Saturday 9th June 10-2. This year's theme is 'Keeping Healthy.' If you can help or have any great activity ideas then please speak to Mrs Read.



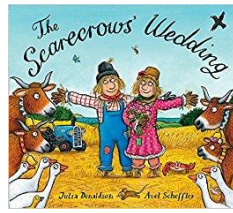


Aldborough Class News



Class 1 Mrs Marshall

Topic: This term our focus will be on living things. We start with our history topic, looking at how our Grandparents lived. This work was enhanced by our trip to Gressenhall Rural life museum. We will then move on to look at plants, categorising them and, of course, growing our own plants from seeds. Our Art work carries on from this and we will look at how to draw flowers and trees. Finally, with one eye on the Royal Wedding, we will look at some of the traditions around marriage and family celebrations.



English: Reception children will be looking at Cinderella, boosted by the visit from the Norwich Puppet theatre, Jack and the Beanstalk and The Scarecrow's Wedding, and we will be helping the characters in the stories by writing instructions, lists and of course retelling the stories. Year 1 will continue their information and instruction writing before moving onto writing newspaper reports. These will link to previous learning in history about Henry Blogg. Later we will return to story writing by building up ideas through 'story mountains'.

Reading: Group reading is on Wednesdays. Please can all books be returned every week. As some Group Reading sets are incomplete we are no longer able to use them which is a shame.

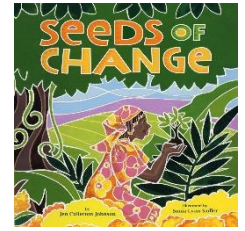
Maths: Reception children will be looking at halving and doubling, shapes, money and measure. Counting objects at home (up to 20) is always useful, as well as regularly reading and writing numbers. Year 1 children will be working on measures including length and mass, before moving onto learning about numbers to 100 and beyond. Later in term we will focus on developing addition and subtraction strategies and money.

PE: This continues to be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please remember to send children in with a sun hat and in hot weather apply sun cream before school. Thank you.



Class 2 Mr Caston

Topic: Class 2 will be studying a Gardening topic. Hopefully some lovely weather will allow us to get outside to learn and enjoy our beautiful school grounds. We are very lucky to be involved in potato and sunflower growing in association with the Aldborough Flower Show. This will be hugely exciting and will allow the children to become expert observational Scientists and gardeners.



English: This will be linked to our topic and will include enjoying the true story 'Seeds of Change' which is based on the life of the founder of the Green Belt Movement Wangari Maathai. We will also explore the traditional tale Jack and the Beanstalk and The Tale of Peter Rabbit. Children will write their own extended stories using story language while linking and developing ideas.

Art/DT: Linked to our English work, we will create Scratchboard artwork in the style of the illustrations from our class book and also make floral patterns in the style of William Morris. Our Design and Technology work this term will be focussed on designing and creating our own puppets to then write and perform our own shows.



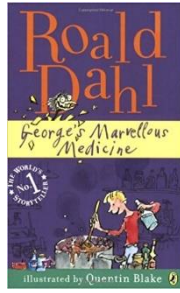
Maths: We will be revising various areas of Maths with a strong focus on Number and using the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) to accurately solve calculations and word problems. It would be hugely helpful if you could encourage your child to practice their 2,5, and 10 times tables over the next few weeks.

PE: This will further develop our throwing and catching skills before we move on to some team games.

KS1 SAT assessments take place throughout May. At Aldborough assessing children's learning is a daily process to ensure their learning matches their needs so children will no doubt approach the tests with their usual confidence and positive attitude to learning.

Class 3 Mr Care

English: This half term we will be learning about Roald Dahl and we will be writing some gruesome stories in the style of the beloved author. Many of the children have read *Fantastic Mr Fox* and *Matilda* this year, which will no doubt be a huge help with their writing. I can also highly recommend reading *George's Marvellous Medicine* as this will form the basis of part of our stories.



Maths: This will be focused on shapes and angles. This will include work on right-angles, acute and obtuse angles and drawing 2D and 3D shapes (with rulers). However, we will also be revisiting: time, fractions and weekly times tables will continue to be sent home. Being able to recall times tables quickly and accurately greatly supports children with their calculations. Due to popular demand, Mr Care will be hosting an after school maths session for Class 3 parents to discuss new methods taught this year.

Science: Our topic for this half term will be Plants and their habitats. This will be taught by Mr Care on Wednesdays as Mr Barnard will be taking PE on Thursdays, which is a small change to our timetable. We will be learning the parts of a plant, how plants reproduce, what plants need to survive and how plants are adapted to different habitats.

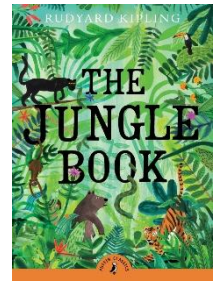
Humanities: Local history work will be centred around the Paston family, and will involve work with the Paston Heritage Society and the UEA. Children will learn about the history of Norfolk while using local maps to identify places connected with the Paston family. Later in the term, we will hopefully have a class trip linked with this topic (more details to follow).

Art: Linked with our history topic, we will explore coats of arms and design our own. Also, we will explore the illustrations of Quentin Blake through our Roald Dahl work.



Class 4 Mr Barnard

English: We will be exploring *The Jungle Book* as our class text over the Summer Term. This will help us explore writing formats such as fact files and reports, and the grammatical processes needed to complete these styles. Our continued work on the use of more complex vocabulary in our writing will be supported through different interpretations of this fantastic story. To help further support our spellings we will have specific lessons looking at spelling rules so that the children have a greater understanding of how words are created.



Maths: We will review and extend our knowledge of time in the first weeks of term and then move onto using different units of measure. Following this we will focus on Shape & Geometry. Continued support at home with times tables, so that all children can complete their challenge, will be fantastic.

Science: This term's science will be supported by our English work, where we will be investigating living things and their habitats. Children will practise using keys and grouping plants and animals with a focus on the difference between our local environment and the setting of *The Jungle Book*. On Fridays, Year 5 will enjoy an outdoor Science/Forest School session led by Jane Steed.

Humanities: We will be studying India and its diverse biomes as well as looking at its various religions. If anyone has any materials or artefacts that can support our learning journey that can be borrowed please let Mr Barnard & Mrs Cuthill know.

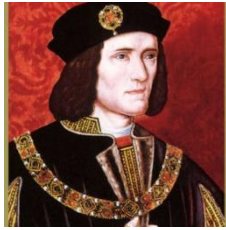
PE: On Friday afternoons Year 4 will be swimming this half term at Aylsham High School, while Year 5 will be practising their athletic skills with Mrs Cuthill. Our Tuesday session will be led by Premier Sports where the children will need outdoor attire. Please ensure your children have a bottle of water to keep them hydrated during these sessions and fingers crossed it's going to be a sunny term.

Art: Lessons will be linked to our topic of the *Jungle Book* and India. We will create 3D maps of the Country, and also the creatures that inhabit it.

Class 5 Mrs Morgan

English: This half term the context for all our English work will be Shakespeare's Richard III. It will culminate in a class performance of a version of the play.

Humanities: Linked to our Richard III topic, we are studying the Plantagenet dynasty and the impact of the wars of the Roses as well as the many discrepancies between the known historical facts about



Richard and Shakespeare's version. Due to SATs preparation which has to move up a notch in this half term, the Year 5 children are spending their humanities afternoon with Mrs Read.

Science: Year 5 will also be joining the Y5's from Class 4 on Friday mornings to have an outdoor science/Forest School session this half term led by Jane Steed. There will be a focus on Habitats, using our grounds for hands on learning.

Year 6 have a science, maths and English revision focus for the first weeks but around that we will squeeze in as many other subjects as possible- particularly sport and P.E.

PE: Unfortunately Mrs O'Malley, the French teacher is away for the rest of this term recovering from a planned operation. This means the class will have an additional sports lesson with Premier sport on Tuesday afternoons. Games on Fridays will focus on athletics whilst my PE will be cricket and rounders.

Art: In art, as well as completing the Rousseau unit, it seems pertinent to look at some of the portraits of Richard III so that will be our starting point.

The half term will end with our visit to Kentwell Hall for the 'Through the Ages' living history. Costume details will be sent home soon (we want everyone to dress up to really enjoy the experience) but if anyone struggles with organising a costume please don't hesitate to contact **myself or Mrs Taylor** for advice.

SUMMER DATES LIST 2017

APRIL	
Tues 24 th	Football match (Hevingham)
Wed 25 th	25 UEA PGCE English specialists in school
Friday 27 th	Class 2 Assembly 9:15am; Class 3 Cake Sale
MAY	
Thur 3 rd	Y5 Level 2 Cycling day 1 (max.12 children)
Friday 4 th	Y5 Level 2 Cycling day 2 (2 adults needed)
Monday 7 th	Bank Holiday
Thur 10 th	Y4 Level 1 cycling p.m
Friday 11 th	Class 2 Cake sale
Mon 14 th	KS2 SATs Week
Mon 21 st	ARTS week based on 'Play'
Tues 22 nd	Tempest Class/Group Photos
Thurs 23 rd	Y5/6 Kentwell Hall trip
Friday 25 th	End of Term
JUNE	
Monday 4 th	Start of Term
Sat 9 th	Aylsham Cluster Family Learning Day
Sunday 10 th	Open Gardens and Open Studios Friends@Bolwick Hall (refreshments)
Mon 11 th – Friday 15 th	Y6 PGL; Y1 Phonics Screening Check week Staying Happy & Healthy week
Friday 15 th	Friends Fathers' Day shop
Mon 18 th	RNLI assembly
Tues 19 th	Y6 visit AHS a.m – Poet Adisa session
Mon 25 th	Y5/6 trip to Parliament (Norman Lamb)
Wed 27 th	Y6 Road Safety session 1:30 – Going Places
Friday 29 th	Friends Class 1 cake sale
JULY	
Monday 9 th	Sun Safety Awareness Assembly
Friday 13 th	Y3/4 Sheringham Park History Day

