

What's on this term...

Alder Class



Writing & Reading: we're currently reading 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio, a powerful story that is sparking thoughtful discussions and reflection. Alongside enjoying the novel, we are strengthening our core reading skills through questioning – focusing on vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation and retrieval. We've also been exploring the book characters in depth, considering important themes such as friendship, differences, diversity and bullying.

In writing, using our study of 'The Day The Crayons Quit' we are developing confidence by crafting persuasive letters. We are focusing on extending our sentences to add more details and interest, making our writing more engaging and expressive while still clearly conveying our ideas.

Maths: we're currently exploring the concept of place value, working with numbers up to one million. This unit allows pupils to develop a secure understanding of the value of each digit within larger numbers and how these values relate to one another. Alongside this, we have begun to build important skills such as rounding numbers to varying degrees of accuracy, recognising and applying the powers of 10, and comparing and ordering values.

Forest School: Weekly sessions help us develop teamwork, resilience, and problem-solving skills through outdoor learning. We'll be exploring nature, taking on challenges, and working together on practical activities outside.

Project Based Learning: we are exploring Europe and examining a variety of geographical locations. We are learning to identify both physical and human features of different areas and focusing on using the correct vocabulary to describe and discuss specific places across the continent.

PSHE: our focus is on Independence and Aspiration, helping pupils build confidence in themselves and their future. We're developing important life skills - goal setting, organising, and self-awareness, while exploring personal identity and values to better understand who we are and what we stand for. Through activities that encourage learning skills and teamwork, pupils will strengthen their ability to collaborate and support one another. We'll also keep emphasising the importance of respect in school, ensuring a positive, inclusive & supportive environment for all.

RE: We're exploring big questions - "Who do Christians say made the world?" & "Who are Jewish people and how do they live?" We'll be looking at special objects, learning about traditions, comparing similarities & differences.

PE: We're enjoying team games that build fitness, coordination, and ability to cooperate with others. We're learning to follow rules, encourage teammates, and think about strategies to be successful.

Cooking & Nutrition: we'll learn to stay safe in the kitchen by handling tools carefully and following instructions. We're also preparing simple meals and snacks, exploring new foods! Eating as a class helps us build social skills and enjoy a sense of community.

