

Our Curriculum

We like to share each cohort's termly topics with you so that you can support your child with their learning at home.

Nursery Topic for Term 4:

Topic: Growth

Key texts/stories: Jasper's beanstalk, The very hungry caterpillar, Jack and the beanstalk and Spring/Easter.

Maths: Positional language and 2D shapes in the environment.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World: Planting beans and watching them grow, planting in our outdoor area and observing the life cycle of a caterpillar.

Technology: Use of the Interactive whiteboard, becoming confident in choosing games on the computers independently and exploring iPads.

Expressive arts and design: Role play in a garden centre, exploring the texture of soil, creating butterflies.



Reception Topic for Term 4:

Topic: Growth

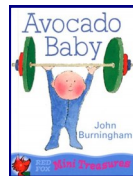
Key texts/stories: Jack and the Beanstalk, Avocado Baby, non-fiction text about growing/beans/plants/babies, Story of Easter

Maths: Counting and ordering numbers to 20, 1 more than/less than, patterns, recognising and describing properties of 2D/3D shapes, time (months of the year and seasons), measuring heights, weight, length and time.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World: Festivals – Spring and Easter, growing plants, changing and growing older.

Technology: Using iPad to record growth of plants, interactive games on Top marks.

Expressive arts and design: Talk for writing and Helicopter stories, re-enacting Jack and the Beanstalk, using and making props, role-play in a baby clinic (inside) and garden centre (outside).



Year 1 Overview for Term 4:

Key English Texts: Instructional Writing - Writing instructions to plan a trip

Mathematics: Number (addition and subtraction) and Measure (Length and Mass).

Topic: Developing Geographers. Becoming familiar with the map of the United Kingdom

Computing: Researching maps

Character: Respect & Patience (Learning Empathy)

Art and design: City-Scapes

Music: Pitch, Rhythm and Volume

Physical Education: Throwing and Catching

Science: Seasons



Year 2 Overview for Term 4:

Key English Texts: Non-Chronological Reports

Mathematics: Money and Shape

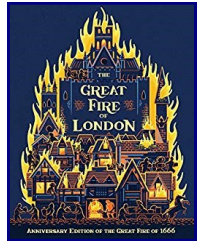
Science: Plants

Topic: The Great Fire of London

Character: Responsibility, Empathy, Altruism

Music: Recorders and vocal

Physical Education: Games - running, jumping, hopping



Year 3 Overview for Term 4:

Key English Texts: The Tales of King Arthur

Mathematics: Time, Fractions

Science: Hard materials

French: To say where I live and how I am feeling

History: Medieval England

Geography: The Rainforest

Computing: To program a quiz game

Character: Empathy, Respect, Curiosity

Art and design: Investigating patterns

Music: Djembe

Physical Education: Netball



Year 4 Overview for Term 4:

Key English Texts: The Explorer and Persuasive Letters

Mathematics: Decimals, Area and Perimeter

Science: Changing States

French: Physical Descriptions

History: Kingdom of Benin

Geography: Employment

Computing: Coding Instruments

Character: Curiosity and Islam

Art and design: African Masks

Music: Djembe Drums

Physical Education: Fitness



Year 5 Overview for Term 4:

Key English Reading Texts: Goodnight, Mister Tom

English Writing Focus: Non-chronological reports

Mathematics: Fractions and transformations

Science: Chemistry

French: Easter

History: The Peasants' Revolt

Geography: South America

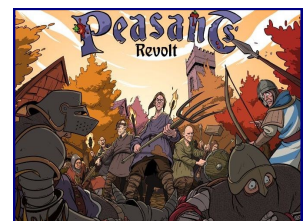
Computing: Programming and arcade games

Character: Courage

Art and design: Art Illusions

Music: Ukulele

Physical Education: Athletics



If you would like any more information about how you can support your child's learning at home then please do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher.



This Week's Class Attendance

Reception and Year 1

- 1st: Jeffers/Seuss – 96.9%**
- 2nd: Murphy – 96.3%
- 3rd: Sharratt – 94.1%
- 4th: Donaldson – 92.7%
- 5th: Kerr 90%



Year 2 & Year 3

- 1st: Rowling/Newton – 97.8%**
- 2nd: Carroll - 97.1%
- 3rd: Lewis - 97.4%
- 4th: Johnson – 96.9%
- 5th: Potter – 95.3%



Year 4 & Year 5

- 1st: Archimedes – 97.1%**
- 2nd: Shelley – 97%
- 3rd: Turing – 96.4%
- 4th: Angelou – 96.2%

Extra playtime for Jeffers, Seuss, Rowling, Newton and Archimedes class! Well Done!

Important dates

Library

- Monday 4th March – Sharratt Class
- Friday 8th March – Seuss Class

Swimming

- Wednesday 6th March at 09:30—Seuss Class
- Wednesday 6th March at 11:00—Johnson Class

Upcoming Staff Training Days

- Monday 11th March—No school
- Friday 5th April—No school

Assemblies for Spring Term 2

- Friday 8th March—Reception and Year 1 (**Primary Hall—due to lack of space in the hall only invited parents to attend**)
- Friday 15th March—Year 2 & Year 3 (**Primary Hall—due to lack of space in hall only parents invited to attend**)

World Book Day

Next **Thursday 7th March** is our annual World Book Day! We would love for scholars to dress up as their favourite book character (no super-hero outfits please). Scholars have to bring a copy of the book that they are dressed up as to share with their class. We will be sending out the £1 book tokens on that day that you can swap for either a £1 book or get £1 off on any full priced book! Scholars are also going to be receiving their very own copy of AJK's Top Titles!! Our teachers have compiled a list of their favourite recommended reads for each year group and subject – get your copy while it's hot!

Red Nose Day

All children to dress up in red and bring in £1 donation towards various charities funding people to work on providing solutions to terrible problems across the world. We will have a competition between all the classes to see who can raise the most money for charity. **Friday 15th March**

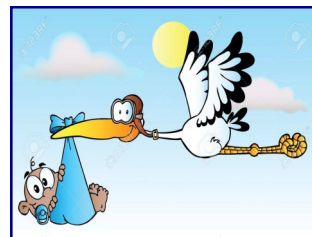
Spring Term Parent/Guardian Consultations

Dear parents/guardians,

Our Spring Term parent/guardian consultation meetings will be held on Wednesday 6th March and Wednesday 13th March. In these meetings, class teachers will be presenting you with your child's mid-year report. You will have the opportunity to see the report, go through it, ask any questions and sign it. You will also have the opportunity to look at your child's English and Maths books. Signing up sheets for the meetings will be ready for you to add your appointment time on Thursday 28th February. Sheets for Years 4 and 5 will be displayed on the main kitchen windows outside of the school. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sheets will be kept by class teachers and you will be able to make an appointment with them after school from Thursday 28th February by adding your child's name to the sheet. Due to the recent staff changes **Potter Class, Seuss Class** and **all of Year 3** will not be having their consultations until later this term. We will inform you of the dates for these meetings over the next few weeks.

'The Stork is Landing'

Today is Ms Joseph's last day with us before her little bundle of joy arrives. We want to say thanks for all the hard work and the best of luck for the new arrival.



AJK Scholars of the Week

Definition of a scholar: *a person who is highly educated or has an aptitude for study*

Pupils chosen to be the scholar of the week are selected because they consistently demonstrate our KEATS values:

Kindness **E**ffort **A**spiration **T**enacity **S**uccess

This week's scholars of the week are:

Year 4:

LaShai in Turing Class **Jada** in Shelley Class

Year 5:

Shaquan & Tasha in Archimedes Class **Bartosz** in Angelou Class

*Well done all of you for being AJK scholars of the week.
We are incredibly proud of you!*