



# Ark John Keats Academy

Newsletter  
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## 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 2:

#### Traditional tales/fairy tales

**Key texts/stories:** Handa's Surprise, Three Billy Goats Gruff, The Gingerbread Man and The Nativity.



**Maths:** Patterns, beginning to categorise objects according to properties such as shape or size, beginning to use the language of size.

**Knowledge and Understanding of the World:** Children to go on regular Autumn walks around the school and talk about the different sounds and things they see.

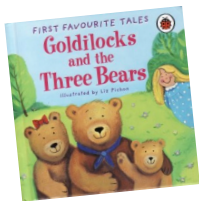
**Technology:** Exploring the different programmes on the computers, children to become confident in playing educational games online.

**Expressive arts and design:** Beginning to make-believe by pretending, beginning to move rhythmically, children to imitate movement in response to music

### Reception Topic for Term 2:

#### Traditional tales/fairy tales

**Key texts/stories:** Little Red Riding Hood, Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, We're going on a Bear Hunt, Nativity story and Festivals of Light



**Maths:** numbers to 10, more than less than, addition & subtraction to 6, measurement – weight, capacity and size, shapes and sorting.

**Knowledge and Understanding of the World:** Nativity story and Festivals of Light, trip to the Wetlands Centre, woodland animals and their habitats, Bonfire Night, Keeping safe, stranger danger, building bear dens, investigating materials

**Technology:** iPads for simple apps, taking photos, top marks interactive games

**Expressive arts and design:** creating dens with various materials, role-playing traditional stories with small world characters and puppets, Talk for writing to re-tell and perform stories to others, exploring different medium to mark make



### Year 1 Overview for Term 2:

**Key English Texts:** The Queen's Hat

**Mathematics:** Number

**Science:** Types of animals

**Topic:** Kings and Queens

**Computing:** Searching the web

**Character:** Altruism

**Art and design:** Portraits – drawing, and painting (Holbein)

**Music:** Establishing strong musical roots - Using the voice with confidence and increased vocal accuracy and speaking/singing with a sense of the beat.

**Physical Education:** Travelling with the ball

### Year 2 Overview for Term 2:

**Key English Texts:** Zeraffa Giraffa

**Mathematics:** Column Method for addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, length in cm and m.

**Science:** Human and animal growth.

**Geography:** Africa

**Computing:** Communicating on the Go

**Character:** Courage, Kindness, Reflectiveness and Empathy

**Art and design:** African Landscapes

**Music:** Pitch

**Physical Education:** Throwing and Catching



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### Year 3 Overview for Term 2:

**Key English Texts:** Billionaire Boy by David Walliams and A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

**Mathematics:** Adding and subtracting three digit numbers, Rounding, Pictograms, Measuring in cm and mm, Perimeter

**Science:** Biology – Plants: seed formation, seed dispersal, wind dispersal and animal dispersal

**French:** All about me: saying my name, age and how I am feeling

**History:** Victorian London

**Geography:** Investigating India

**Computing:** Networks around Us

**Character:** Adaptability, Courage, Kindness and Empathy

**Art:** Silhouettes

**Music:** Djembe Drumming

**Physical Education:** Swimming or Invasion Games



### Year 4 Overview for Term 2:

**Key English Texts:** Beowulf and The Hobbit

**Mathematics:** Multiplication and Division

**Science:** Prey and predators and the adaptations of their teeth

**French:** Numbers, days, months, years & birthdays

**History:** The Roman Empire

**Geography:** Where our food comes from

**Computing:** Searching the web

**Character:** Courage, Kindness, and Empathy

**Art and design:** Roman Mosaics

**Music:** Djembe Drumming

**Physical Education:** Dance and invasion games



### Year 5 Overview for Term 2:

**Key English Texts:** (Writing) Frankenstein by Mary Shelley and (Reading) Strange Star by Emma Carroll

**Mathematics:** Multiplication, division, area and perimeter

**Science:** Biology – Lifecycles

**French:** School and school subjects

**History:** Rebellion against the Romans

**Geography:** Investigating Rivers – understanding their uses

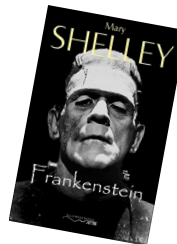
**Computing:** The World Wide Web

**Character:** Debating – Focusing on honesty and altruism

**Art and design:** Poster art

**Music:** Ukulele

**Physical Education:** Net and wall games – coordination, teamwork and agility



*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 Weeks' Class Attendance

### KS 1

**1st: Jeffers, Murphy & Carroll—100%**

- 2nd: Seuss—98.33%
- 3rd: Rowling—96.66%
- 4th: Donaldson—94.44%
- 5th: Potter—93.33%
- 6th: Sharratt—92.22%
- 7th: Kerr—90.55%



### KS 2

**1st: Newton—99.44%**

- 2nd: Archimedes—97.77%
- 3rd: Lewis— 97.66%
- 4th: Shelley & Turing —96.67%
- 5th: Angelou—96.66%
- 6th: Johnson—93.10%



*Extra playtime for Jeffers, Murphy, Carroll*

## Important dates

### Library

- Monday 5th November—Carroll Class
- Friday 9th November—Rowling Class

### Afterschool Clubs

- Starting Monday 5th November and finishes Tuesday 18th December

### Reception Meetings

- Tuesday 6th November—Reception Phonics Meeting for parents at 15:00 in the Primary Hall
- Friday 23rd November—Reception Tapestry Meeting for parents at 15:00 in Primary Hall

### Reception Walthamstow Wetlands Visit

- Tuesday 13th November—Sharratt Class
- Wednesday 14th November—Kerr Class
- Tuesday 20th November—Donaldson Class

### Swimming

- **Year 1 swimming**—Jeffers Class: Wednesday 7th November at 09:30
- **Year 3 swimming**—Newton Class: Wednesday 7th November at 11:00

### Parents' Consultations

- Wednesday 21st November 14:30-17:30—Reception—Year 5
- Wednesday 28th November 14:30-17:30—Reception - Year 5

### Children in Need Day

- Friday 16th November— Dress up in spots or come as Pudsey with your £1 donation for children in need

### Upcoming Staff Training Days

- Monday 26th November

### Christmas Nativity/Song Performances

- **Nursery:**  
Monday 10th December at 10:00 Primary Hall  
Monday 10th December at 15:00 Primary Hall
- **Reception:**  
Tuesday 11th December at 09:30—Primary Hall  
Wednesday 12th December at 09:30—Primary Hall  
Thursday 13th December at 09:30—Primary Hall
- **Year 1:**  
Tuesday 18th December at 10:30—Secondary Hall
- **Year 2:**  
Tuesday 11th December at 15:00—Secondary Hall
- **Year 3:**  
Tuesday 18th December at 15:00—Secondary Hall
- **Year 4 & 5:**  
Tuesday 11th December at 10:30—Secondary Hall



One of our members of the admin team is leaving us on the 8th November to start a brand new job in another school. We say farewell and the best of luck to Ms Ferrett who has been with us since September 2016. We want to say a massive thanks for all her hard work and wish her all best for the future.

## 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:

**K**indness    **E**ffort    **A**spiration    **T**enacity    **S**uccess

This week's scholars of the week are:

### Year 3:

**Isra** in Newton Class    **Sebastian** in Lewis Class    **Aisha** in Johnson Class

### Year 4:

**Aarya & Nylia** in Turing Class    **Renee** in Shelley Class

### Year 5:

**Dylan & Tasha** in Archimedes Class    **Mesut & Eylul** in Angelou Class

*Well done all of you for being AJK scholars of the week.*