



Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in English we have been learning about Ode poetry and the children enjoyed performing Daffodils by William Wordsworth in the celebration assembly on Thursday morning. In Maths, we have been drawing and interpreting graphs. We have been exploring the uses of a desert environment and the threats facing deserts today in Geography.

On Monday we had great fun making our tabbouleh salad for our DT project and enjoyed watching the Year 3 Easter play. Sadly, this week we say goodbye to Miss Mulkit who is moving out of area. We wish her well and thank her for all her hard work with the children. After Easter we look forward to welcoming Mrs Maliphant as Pheasants class teacher.

Thank you for all your support at the parents' evenings on Thursday and Tuesday.

Have a lovely Easter holiday!

Mrs Gregson & Miss Mulkit

Key Dates

Easter Holidays Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April (Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 22nd April- Return to school

Friday 25th April - Class photos

Monday 28th April - Skateboard workshop (Pheasants)

Tuesday 29th April – Skateboard workshop (Doves)

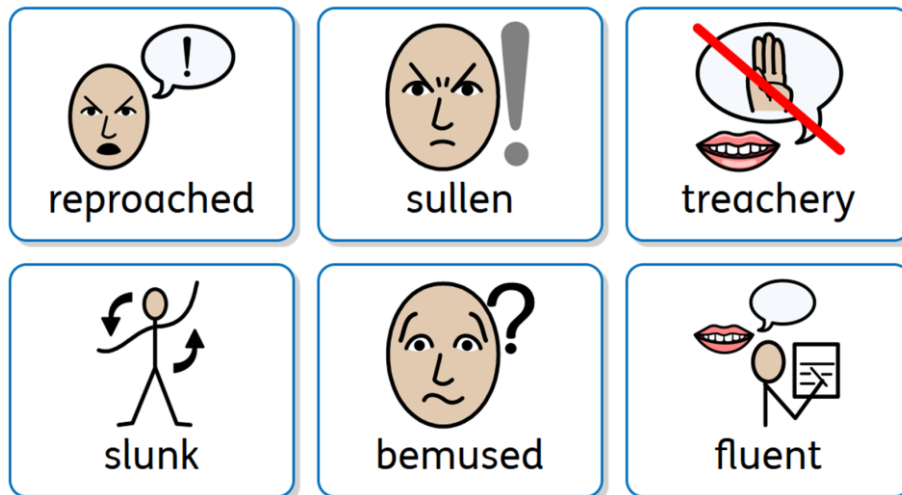
Monday 5th May Bank holiday – school closed

Friday 16th May Marion celebration (school only)

Friday 23rd May break up for half term

Target Words

As part of our school wide focus on oracy, we will begin sharing the target words of the week from Master Reader on our newsletters. Feel free to talk to your children about their learning, encouraging them to use the vocabulary they have been taught. The target words for this week are alongside.



Footer

PE

Please ensure your child has the correct PE/Games kit including trainers. All PE and Games lessons will be outside from now on.

If your child has borrowed any PE kit from school, please can it be returned.

Catholic Social Teaching

As part of our learning, we teach children how they can follow in the footsteps of Jesus in the way they interact and help others. If your child has taken part in any charity work, please let us know so we can share and celebrate this in school.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) – calling all parents who work in these fields. We would love to hear about your work and experiences and hopefully encourage the children to follow in similar footsteps. Please let us know if you would be happy to pop into school sometime to support the enrichment of the children's learning.

Homework

TTRS

Children are to practise their times tables on TTRS for 15 minutes a day, 5 days a week. There are weekly challenges to engage the children. Focus on those times tables your child needs to improve

their speed and fluency on and select these in 'Garage'. Play 'Studio' to help St. Polycarp's climb up the local schools' leaderboard! **2 tasks will be assigned on Athletics each week.**

Reading

Please see below for the Key Stage 2 reading guidance.

When the children finish reading a book, they need to complete an online quiz at home before changing the book. Please be aware that both username and password are in lowercase.

Please use the link below to access **Accelerated Reader**.

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Reading in Key Stage 2

Handy Hints

- Make reading part of your daily routine. Short sessions – **15 minutes per day**.
- Continue to read out loud to an adult as well as independently.
- Try to read a range of books including fiction and non-fiction.
- Complete the Accelerated Reader quiz at home, ideally within 24-48 hours of finishing the book.



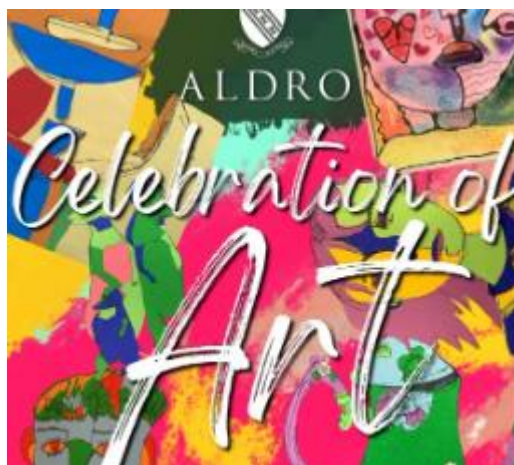
How can parents help? **Reading improves with practice.** Encourage your child to read at home, share your own books, discuss books, ask questions about the book they have read and visit the local library.

Check that your child is completing the reading quiz – this is part of their weekly homework.

Glue sticks

We are going to re-introduce asking KS2 children to bring in their own named glue stick to use in lessons in the summer term, so if you are able please provide your child with one.

Art Competition



Calling all artists!

We are delighted to be taking part in **Aldro's art competition** again this year.

If your child would like to take part, they must submit a piece of artwork to their class teacher by **28th April 2025.**

An art exhibition and prize giving ceremony will be held at Aldro School on **16th May 2025** for the children and family of prize winners.

Please create a picture or sculpture of your favourite animal. Any size.

Please write child's name, age and year group on the back.

Artwork cannot be submitted without this.

Good luck!

Mrs Roussel and Miss Bellapaisiotou

