



# Newsletter

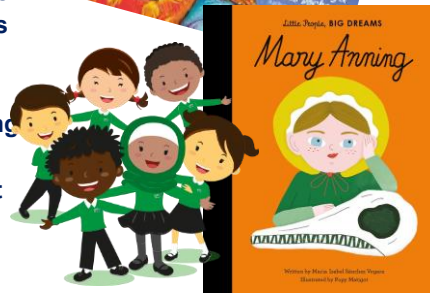
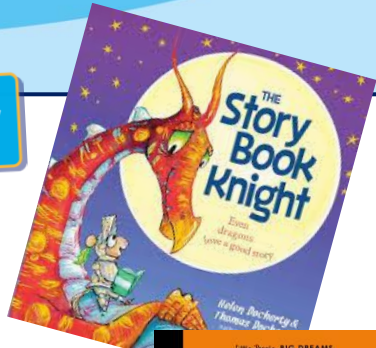
Class Ahlberg/Donaldson  
Spring Term 1 2026



## Curriculum overview

During this term, we will be exploring castles, knights and princesses. We will be reading different stories, such as Zog and the Princess Doctors, Sir Scallywags, and Sir Charlie books too.

Our key text is The Storybook Knight and using our knowledge of different writing lenses to practice our writing. We will also be looking at Dinosaurs, learning about Mary Anning and Paleontologists.



## Rocket Readers

Your child needs to be reading 3 times a week. This is vital for their progress in all areas of the curriculum! We are aiming for Reception to have 100% rocket readers! **This term only 68% of children in Donaldson were rocket readers and 69% in Ahlberg.** 😞

Please read with your child, ask them questions, discuss their book and record in their reading journal to bring back to school everyday.



## Personal Development

Every half term, we are learning all about Oasis' 9 habits. Last half term we focused on 'JOYFUL'. This half term we are going to focus on the following:



## Home learning

### Help at home by....

- Reading 3 times a week and recording in their reading journal!
- Ensuring that your child completes their homework when it is set in their red books as this will support their learning.
- Help your child to learn the sounds that we are learning in phonics.

### Recommended websites:

- [www.bbc.co.uk/education](http://www.bbc.co.uk/education)
- [www.topmarks.co.uk/](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/)
- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources>
- <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-3>

Recommended apps (All free!)

## Good News

Well done to all of Reception for their outstanding Nativity performance last term! The children displayed incredible courage stepping onto the stage, and we were treated to some truly fantastic acting, beautiful singing, and creative costumes.

What a memorable performance!



## Maths and English

In Maths, we will be learning all about number bonds to 5, including addition with partitioning. We will also be exploring 0, as well as 6, 7, 8 and 9. We will be looking at doubles and halves and learning how to use all of the strategies we have learnt to solve these mathematical problems.

## Events and Key Dates

5<sup>th</sup> January – Inset Day

13<sup>th</sup> January 8:45am – Monthly Meet

10<sup>th</sup> February 8:45am – Monthly meet

12 February 2.15pm – Parent event

13<sup>th</sup> February – Inset Day

17<sup>th</sup> Feb- 3<sup>rd</sup> March -Chinese New Year

17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Feb- Start of Ramadan