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# Andalusia Academy Bristol

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## Spring Term Newsletter

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Our school value this term is **ASPIRATION**. "A hope or ambition of achieving something."

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Dear Parents,

InshaAllah, I hope that this newsletter reaches you in the best of health and Iman. SubhanAllah this term has flown by and as you read on you will see how much the children have enjoyed themselves. Next term we have a lot of activities planned for the children such as World Book Week, and British Science Week.

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### World Book Day - Thurs 2nd March 2017

This year the theme of our World Book Day will be 'Traditional Tales, Myths and Legends'. We are inviting all children to come into school dressed as a character from their favorite book. Also on this day, there will be particular emphasis on reading aloud. Staff will be reading some of their favourite stories from this genre out loud to the children and children will be invited, should they wish to read their favourite extracts during class workshops. There are lots of exciting activities planned for their enjoyment.

### GOOGLE EXPEDITION

We are extremely lucky to be part of the Google Expeditions Pioneer Programme. On **Monday, 13th March**, the children will take part in a virtual reality trip experiencing many exciting places in the world! This is an invaluable and unique way of learning about other parts of the world



### Half Term Holiday

We would like to remind parents that school will close at the usual time on Friday **10th February** for the half term break and will re-open inshaAllah on Monday 20th February at the usual time.

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### SCHOOL TRIPS

#### Reception Class visit to the Farm



### PRIMARY FUNDRAISER



Many thanks to all of you who've sponsored the primary classes in their fundraising ventures. We've sold some fabulous baked goods, delicious food, healthy smoothies, sweets and much more. All monies raised will be used to buy resources for the classes.



### Safer Internet Day

The internet is amazing. Children can play, learn, create and connect - opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But as parents and educators it's important to track what they're doing and make sure they're staying safe?

Tuesday 7th February was **Safer Internet Day**. Children had assemblies about staying safe online. This special has supported our curriculum and ongoing work in school to ensure that the children stay safe online.



**10-19 March, 2017**

The theme for this year's British Science Week is "Change", encouraging young people to think about and investigate the changes happening in the world all around us; from seasons and climate, to materials and energy. It is also a chance for young people to consider the changes they can enact to have a positive impact on the future.

**Demo Day will be on Thursday 16 March.**



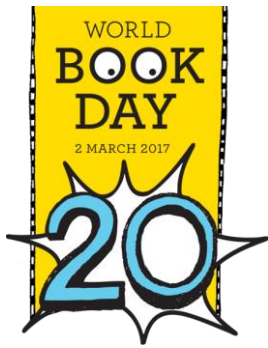
### Years 5 & 6 trip to London to see the the Lion King

The show featured breathtaking costumes, with each actor representing different African animals, such as lions, hyenas, giraffes and elephants.



### FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School will be starting on Friday mornings next term for our Reception class. Forest School is an opportunity for children to experience and explore their environment.



## READATHON WORLD BOOK DAY

Readathon World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March. We are going to be taking part in a Readathon which is a national sponsored reading event – to encourage students to read for pleasure whilst helping children in hospital at the same time. Further information about this has been sent home with your child.

**Join us on our reading adventures!**

This year, World Book Week will be Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. During the week, there will be a number of activities taking place which will nurture the children's love of books and reading.

From Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the School Hall from 3.30pm – 4pm for parents and children to buy books. Throughout the week, children will have the opportunity to take a look the books for sale.

On the afternoon of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, we will be having a Pyjama Party. It will take place from 2.00pm – 3.15pm. Pupils will be placed in their houses and story-tellers will rotate between classes. Children will have cookies and milk, kindly provided by FAAB, and have stories read to them in different languages. The Pyjama Party is for both Key Stages 1 and 2.

During this week, if you would like to read a story to a class please let your child's class teacher know. We would love to hear stories in different languages to celebrate diversity in our school.

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, children will have the opportunity to come to school dressed up as a character from the school theme story Fairy Tales, Myths and Legends (please see teachers for class themes). At 8.40am, the children will have an assembly and each class will show their costumes to the rest of the primary school. Although we are limited in space, parents are welcome to attend the parade, Insha Allah. We ask for a donation of £1, which will go towards the Book Aid charity, which provides books for schools and children in countries in Africa.

JazakakAllah Khair for your support, we look forward to a fun filled week!