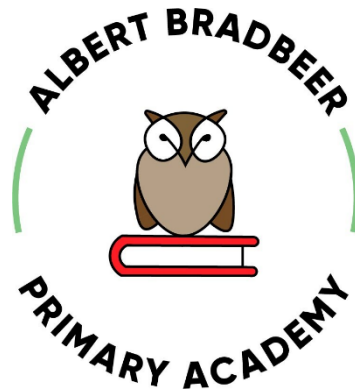


# Curriculum Newsletter



## Reception Autumn Term 1

### Important Dates

PE - Monday and Wednesday for RGS  
PE - Tuesday and Friday for RI  
Please send your child in PE kit for these days  
Harvest celebration - 1<sup>st</sup> October at 2pm

### Reception Team

Mrs Gray - Reception teacher and EYFS lead  
Mr Ingham - Reception teacher  
Miss Whitehorn - Reception teacher  
Miss Akhtar - Reception teacher  
Miss Kiernan - Reception teaching assistant  
Miss Mohamet - Reception teaching assistant  
Miss Bolton - Reception teaching assistant  
Miss Nicholls - Reception teaching assistant  
Miss Smith - EYFS teaching assistant  
Miss Paidas - EYFS teaching assistant  
Miss Price - EYFS teaching support

## **Communication and Language**

This half term the children will develop their listening skills, through settling in activities, listening to stories and being encouraged to follow instructions.

The children are learning new vocabulary linked to moods and feelings.

There will be the opportunity for the children to role play in our home corner.

The children will continue to be read a variety of fiction and non-fiction books. They will discuss and describe characters, settings and events in stories through our Talk Through Stories sessions - starting with Owl Babies.

## **Physical Development**

This half term we will be focussing on our gross motor skills and children will be encouraged to join in with co-operative games such as parachute games. We will explore different ways of moving and climbing as well as negotiating space and obstacles safely.



We will also be encouraging good hygiene routines such as washing hands before eating or after going to the toilet.

We will encourage fine motor skills so that children have nice muscle strength by manipulating playdough, threading and cutting activities, drawing and writing - encouraging a tripod grip.

## **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

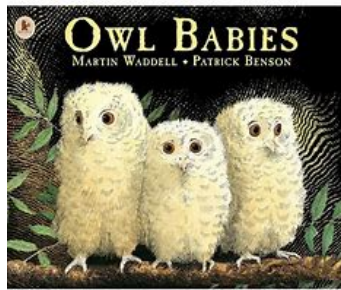
This half term our topic for PSHE is Being Me in My World. We will talk about how we are all valuable individuals, discuss class routines and boundaries and support children to build and form new relationships with adults and peers in school.

## Literacy

In literacy, we will be learning sounds, ready for reading, through RWI phonics. We will begin by learning the initial sounds - starting with 'm, a, s, t, d'. We will inform you regularly of the sounds that have been taught.

The children will hear lots of stories and rhymes with our key focus texts being 'Owl Babies' and 'The Colour Monster'.

We will be encouraging children to begin to write the sounds that we learn and associate print to meaning - writing initial sounds for labels and captions - focusing on correct pencil grip and letter formation.



## Maths

In maths, we will be matching, sorting and comparing objects; talking about measures and patterns and beginning to look at numbers to 3 and beyond, counting objects, recognising numbers, finding numbers in the environment and beginning to write them.

## Understanding the World

This half term we will be really looking at the children with our topic being called 'All About Me.' Through this we will look at the similarities and differences between people, talk about families and how they can be the same or different and talking about familial relations. We will think about past and present by looking at how we change from being a baby to 4 or 5 years old.

We will discuss the seasons and particularly focus on Autumn - differences in weather, animals and plants and how we care for our own environment around us.

## **Expressive Arts and Design**

The children will be making self portraits and access our paint and creative areas. We will mix colours and create Autumn pictures.

Children will be taught to use tools such as paintbrushes, scissors and other cutting tools safely.

We will explore our voices through singing and learning songs by heart and we will develop storylines through our imaginative and role-play.

## **How you can support at home**

- Reading with your child. Any reading is great and hugely beneficial to your child.
- Look at numbers in the environment and talk about patterns that you can see.
- Encouraging them to mark make - having a go at writing their names whilst ensuring a correct pencil grip.
- Encouraging children to put on their own coats and shoes, using zips and buttons.
- Talking about rules and routines, particularly sensible sitting when listening.

We are always happy when we see work that children have done at home. Thank you for sharing.

Thank you for your support.

## **Curriculum Promise**

As part of our curriculum promise at Albert Bradbeer, this half term the children will be taking part in:

- Black History Month
- Cancer Research bake sale
- Celebrate Harvest in church
- Having a turn at looking after the school chickens
- Secret reader