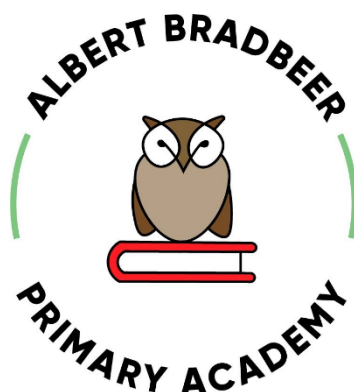


# Curriculum Newsletter



## Year 2 Autumn Term 1

### Important Dates

Church Harvest Celebration – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024  
Year 2 Cooked Breakfast – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
Parents Evenings – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024  
Autumn 1 Term Ends – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
Autumn 2 Term Begins – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Year 2 Team

Miss Burness – 2B Teacher  
Mrs Mahtey – 2M Teacher  
Mrs Cotterill – TA  
Miss Boyd – TA  
Mrs Smith – TA  
Miss Offurum - TA

## Maths

This half term, our maths units are Place Value and Addition/Subtraction.

We will be learning to:

- Estimate on a number line.
- Order and compare objects and numbers.
- Count in 3s.
- Add and subtract across ten.

We will also be revising learning from Year One. This will include:

- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Number bonds to 20.

## English

### Reading

Reading is the gateway to all learning, so really is a fundamental part of everything we do in school.

**Phonics sessions**, that are appropriate to your child's level, take place daily.

Please read your child's Phonics book at home with them and practice the sounds your child is learning in school too. These should be taken in with the child every day and we change them on Mondays.

As a class, we are reading for pleasure the book '**Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure**', this book follows Mr Penguin on his journey in his new career as an Adventurer and what excitement he encounters .

Your child will also be taking home a choice of reading book, appropriate for their band level in which they can **read for pleasure**. This is another great opportunity for you to read with your child and enhance their love of reading and increase their vocabulary.

**Please return reading diaries and books on a:**

Monday for 2B

Monday and Thursday for 2M



In which children can then change them for a new one.

## Writing

In Writing, we will be developing our story writing techniques. We will be using high quality and carefully chosen vocabulary to rewrite the story of **Jack and the Beanstalk** using our own monsters to defeat, as well as describing the setting of our story too. We will then be writing an unusual set of **instructions** for creating a sleeping potion for a giant.

We will be using lots of writing techniques, including:

- Adjectives
- Nouns
- Fronted adverbials
- Verbs

We will continue to discuss and share our ideas as a group when thinking of our own story ideas and will encourage the children to self-check their writing correcting any missing punctuation.

## Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

In our Punctuation and Grammar sessions once a week, the children will be learning appropriate skills to enhance the writing topic we are learning. This term, will be a focus on cementing the Year 1 skills and ensuring the children are secure in their understanding of:

- Punctuation
- Adjectives
- Nouns (expanded noun phrases)
- Commas for fronted adverbials

Please also see the link below for the year 1 and 2 spelling list, it would be fantastic if children could practice these at home as well as in school.

[CommonExceptionWords Y1.pdf \(oxfordowl.co.uk\)](#)

[CommonExceptionWords Y2.pdf \(oxfordowl.co.uk\)](#)

For spelling, we have begun following the scheme Spelling Shed in Year Two and are looking at practicing a variety of different spelling rules, including silent letters 'kn' and 'gn'.

## Science

In Science, our focus will be on Living things and their habitats. We will exploring the different habitats and microhabitats on our school grounds and comparing them to different unfamiliar habitats around the world. We will also look at food chains and how every living and non-living things play a part in the circle of life. This topic will provide a great opportunity for hands-on learning and investigation.

## Non-core Curriculum

### History

Our topic for history this term is William the Conqueror. We will be learning about the Battle of Hastings, the Domesday book and the Bayeux Tapestry. Exploring the different sources and how historians learn about what has happened in history. This topic promises to be exciting and educational, sparking the children's curiosity about the past.

We will be investigating the following questions:

- Who was William the Conqueror and how did he become King?
- How did he win the Battle of Hastings?
- What is the Bayeux Tapestry and how does that tell us about the past?
- What is the Domesday book? Why was it created?

### Art

Over this half term, Year Two will be studying Pablo Picasso and his abstract portraits. We will explore the use of shapes and colours and practice our line drawing that Picasso uses to highlight important features of a portrait. We will end the term having each produced our own pieces of art inspired by Picasso.



### RE

In Religious Education, we will be exploring the theme of caring and belonging. We will look at things such as who do we care for and how? Which

groups we belong to and how different religions show they belong; focusing on Christians, Muslims and Sikhs.

## **PSHE**

JIGSAW- Piece 1: Being me in my world

In piece 1, the children will focus on being themselves and how they fit in. It will discuss relationships, class rules and charters, rewards and consequences and how the new school year will encourage the children to embrace a variety of emotions.

## **PE**

In PE this year, we are beginning a new scheme in which will delve into some of the fundamental skills of movement and sport. This will encompass running, dodging, balancing and coordination, hopping, turn taking, communication skills and working on decision making skills.

## **Curriculum Promise**

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

- Litter picking in the local community.
- Black History Week
- Celebrating Harvest at the church
- Caring for the school chickens