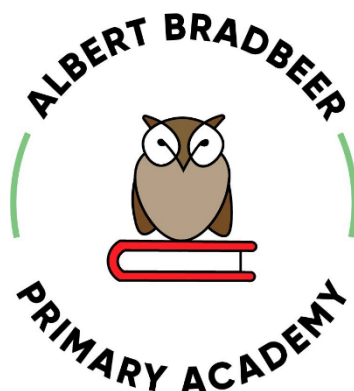


Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4



Autumn Term 1

Important Dates

Individual photo day – 23rd September 2024

Year 4 cooked breakfast morning- 27th September 2024

4L class assembly- 24th October 2024

Harvest celebration at the church- 2nd October 2:00-2:45

INSET day (school closed for pupils)- 25th October 2024

Year 4 Team

Miss Ramsay – 4R Teacher

Mrs Lynch – 4L Teacher

Mr Tongue – Teaching Assistant

Mr Philips – Teaching Assistant

Mrs McFerren – Teaching Assistant

Maths

This half term, the children will begin by learning to foundation for all maths units. We will begin revising all timetables learned in year 3 (2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 8s, 10s).

The children will learn about place value, addition and subtraction.

We will be learning about:

- Understanding place value up to 10,000
- Roman numerals
- Rounding to the nearest 10, 100, and 1,000
- Adding and subtracting numbers with up to 3 exchanges

We will also be introducing and encouraging the children to begin practicing their timetables at home through Timetables Rockstars.

English

Reading

This term, year 4 children will continue to focus on comprehension skills, particularly retrieval and inference-based questions based on a range of exciting texts. Children will also work towards being able make predictions about a text and explain their predictions using the text as evidence for their answers.



This term, we will also read two exciting books as a whole class: **The Vanquishers** and **The Night Bus Hero**. 4R and 4L will swap and read one of the above books in each half term

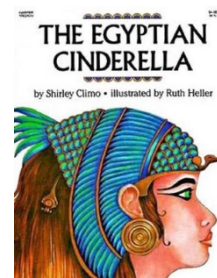
Reading is a fundamental part of your child's learning at school, please also help to support your child with their reading at home.

Writing

In Writing, we will be developing our story writing techniques. We will be using high quality and carefully chosen vocabulary to write our own rags to riches style story, inspired by the book: The Egyptian Cinderella. We will be using lots of writing techniques, including:

- Prepositions

- Adjectives for description
- Adverbs
- Speech with correct punctuation marks



We will 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 missing punctuation and spelling mistakes.

Science



Our science topic this half term is investigating Living things and their Habitats. Over the course of this half term, children will be able to identify a variety of habitats and begin grouping organisms. We will develop questions about classification and work towards making their own

classification keys. Finally, we will explore the human impact on animals habitats and plants.

Non-core Curriculum

History

This half term, we will be learning about the Native Americans.

- We will be investigating the following questions:
- Who were the Native Americans?
- How did the Cherokee and Inuit people live?
- What happened when European settlers arrived?



The children will learn in detail about the daily life of two specific native American tribes and compare how they lived. Children will also learn about the explorer Christopher Columbus who first discovered America.

Key Vocabulary:

Native	Settlers	Inuit
Teepee	Tribe	Indigenous

Art

In art, we are exploring a new topic: wire sculptures

During this unit, children will be researching the art of Alexander Calder, who was the inventor of the mobile. The children will develop and improve 3 techniques: colour, form and space – all whilst working towards creating and designing their own natural wire sculpture.



RE

Our focus for RE is: Special Places. The children will be learning about the holy places for many of the main world religions and studying in detail places of pilgrimage such as Mecca, which is a special place of pilgrimage for Muslims. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to gain an understanding of the journeys that many religious people make in their lifetimes.



PSHE

JIGSAW

Piece 1: Being Me in My World

We will begin our year by looking at becoming a class team. How we can work together to help one another throughout this year. We will be looking at the children’s rights, responsibilities and understanding a democracy and developing an understanding for rewards and consequences both in school and in the outside world.

PE

During this half term, children will begin to develop the fundamentals needed for PE lessons.

Computing

To begin this years computing sessions, children will learn about how to use the basics of a computer or laptop including: how to log in and out safely; how to access the internet and learn to type using Word. We will also be looking at the importance of online safety.

Spanish

This term in Spanish, the children will be learning about presenting themselves and their family. They will begin an understanding for greetings, numbers and putting vocabulary into some sentences,

Curriculum Promise

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

- RSPCA visit
- 4L Class assembly about Diwali
- Brass instrument lessons
- Harvest celebrations at the church
- Black History Week
- Cooked breakfast morning

