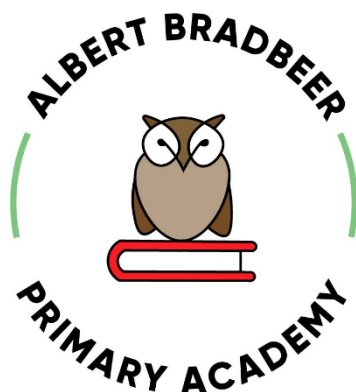


Curriculum Newsletter



Year 6 Autumn Term 1

Important Dates
Attendance Breakfast: Friday 13 th September 2024
Harvest Assembly: Wednesday 2 nd October 2024
Break up for Half Term: Thursday 24 th October 2024
Return to School after Half Term: Monday 4 th November 2024

Year 6 Team
Miss Carey – 6C Teacher
Miss Parkes – 6P Teacher
Miss Beddoes – Y5/6 Teaching Assistant
Miss Mumtaz – Y5/6 Teaching Assistant

Maths

This half term, the children will start the term by looking at place value and then finish the term looking at addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

They will cover:

- Numbers to 10,000,000
- Round any integer
- Negative numbers
- Square and cube numbers
- Short and long division
- Order of operations

English

Reading

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

In our Reading lessons this half term we will be:

- Continuing to develop inference skills, so that we can use clues from different texts to work out more information.
- Developing our retrieval skills to increase our pace of comprehension.
- Build upon our vocabulary.
- Answering a selection of multi-domain questions (VIPERS).

6C Class Story: When Sky the Falls by Phil Earle

6P Class Story: The Lost Magician by Piers Torday

Writing

In Writing, we will be developing our ability to write as authors. We will be using high quality and carefully chosen vocabulary to write a narrative based on suspense. We will be using lots of writing techniques, including:

- Similes
- Personification

- Rhetorical questions
- Tier 2 vocabulary
- Relative clauses

For non-fiction, the children will be writing some imaginative instructions, using key language and structural features to inform the reader.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

In our first few weeks of Year 6, we will revise some key features and introduce a few new grammatical structures. These will include:

- Active and Passive voice
- Subjunctive form
- Tenses (simple past/present; past/present progressive; past/present perfect)
- Conjunctions

Alongside these we will be continuing to revise all our SPaG concepts and practising key questions.

Science

Our science topic this half term is **living things and inheritance** with a focus on **evolution and inheritance**. Over the course of this half term, the children will start by learning about the term classification, manipulating resources and eventually using classification in regard to living things. The children will learn about key scientists such as Carl Linnaeus and how his contributions to science still impact life today.



Non-core Curriculum

History

This half term we will learning about the Aztecs. The children will learn about daily life, discoveries and society during this period. The topic will end by looking at the invasion of Aztecs by the Spanish. The children will be able to answer the following questions:

- Who were the Aztecs?
- What was daily life like for the Aztecs?
- How have developments in this period impacted life today?

Key Vocabulary:

Aztecs	hierarchy	Emperor	chinampas
warrior	Conquistador	noble	traders

RE

In RE the children will learn about what commitments means in different faiths. The topic will compare how Muslims and Christians show commitment to their religion.

Questions:

- What does commitment mean?
- What does sacrifice mean?
- How did Father Damien's lifestyle show his commitment?

Key Vocabulary:

commitment	5 pillars	Abraham	Isaac
Father Damien	sacrifice	values	beliefs

PSHE

JIGSAW

Piece 1: Being me in my world

The children will start off the topic by looking at their year ahead by setting goals they want to achieve. They will also look at what worries them and how as a class we can help with those worries. The topic will end with children looking at different real-life scenarios about challenging situations and how they would deal with them.

PE

During this half term, the children will focus on their understanding of fitness and health. The children will develop their understanding of the importance of warming up and cooling down and how exercise can be varied to improve fitness. Finally, the children will also investigate different ways to measure and improve fitness.

Curriculum Promise

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

- Black History Month
- Charity Bake Sale