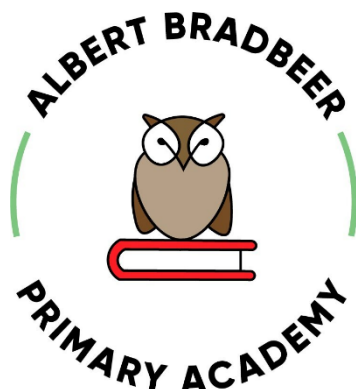


Curriculum Newsletter



Nursery Autumn Term 2

Important Dates

Thursday 12th December 2024: Save The Children (Christmas jumper day £1)

Thursday 12th December 2024 09:15 - 10:00: Christmas Craft Workshop

Break up for Christmas: Friday 20th December 2024

Children return to School: Tuesday 7th January 2025

Nursery Team

Miss Price – Teacher

Miss Smith – Teaching Assistant

Miss Paidas – Teaching Assistant

Mrs Charles – Teaching Assistant

Our first half term is done, and it has been so lovely and joyful getting to know everyone! It seems perfect that this half term our topic is 'Let's Celebrate' with so many important dates coming up. As always,

if you have any questions or worries, please don't hesitate to speak to any of us. We are so excited to continue the Nursery journey with you all!

Communication and Language

This half term we will continue to develop the children's ability to understand and act on simple instructions and begin to introduce two step instructions to be carried out with adult encouragement. As their attention improves, many children will be able to listen to stories on the carpet, remembering key events and with support, talk about what happened. We will be learning about a variety of celebrations and encouraging the children to use new vocabulary during related activities.

Physical Development

In PE we will be using the apparatus to develop strength and balance as the children learn to climb using alternate feet, safely jump from different heights and explore ways of moving. We will continue to work on our ball skills in our outdoor area, learning to pass a ball by rolling, kicking or throwing.



Children will engage in a range of 'fine motor' activities daily including threading, drawing and puzzles. Where appropriate, staff will be encouraging children to be as independent as possible, washing hands thoroughly, putting on coats and pulling zips up and down.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to grow the positive relationships being built, helping the children to extend their play as they begin to feel more confident in the setting. We will be encouraging everyone to show respect for one another and the environment, take turns, share, listen carefully and use their manners. Most children will be increasingly able to follow classroom rules, slowly needing less and less support to make the right choices independently.

The children will be encouraged to talk about their feelings and with help, begin to elaborate on them. Some children will start to understand how other people are feeling too.

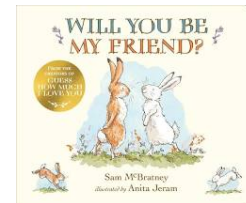
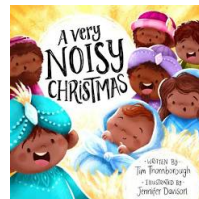
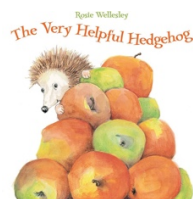


Literacy

We will continue to learn and sing a range of nursery rhymes as well as songs for our Christmas Nativity performance to develop vocabulary.

Key stories to lead discussions include:

- The Very Helpful Hedgehog; Rosie Wellesley
- The Best Diwali Ever; Sonali Shah
- Will You Be My Friend? Sam McBratney
- A Very Noisy Christmas; Tim Thornborough
- Hello Autumn! Shelley Rotner



The children will have plenty of opportunities to mark make every day both inside and out, and we will begin introducing some letter sounds, following the Read Write Inc scheme and make attempts at writing letter like shapes.

Maths

Using a range of objects and rhymes to develop a more secure understanding of number, the children will learn to count within 5 with increasing confidence and consistency.

We will also be encouraging the children to show us 'finger numbers' and begin to recognise different representations of numbers 1-5.



Through teacher led play activities, staff will encourage children to incorporate mathematical language into conversation, naming some 2D shapes, patterns, comparing quantities, height and weight.

Understanding the World



With so many important dates this half term, such as Diwali, Remembrance Day, Christmas and many more, we are taking the opportunity to learn about and celebrate the differences between people and developing positive attitudes about other people's

beliefs.

Autumn is also in full swing, so we will be using our senses in hands-on explorations of natural materials to develop vocabulary and learn about how the world around us changes with the seasons.



Expressive Arts and Design

Following our half termly topic, we will be using the creative to table to make a range of crafts, independently and collaboratively, corresponding to the celebrations we are learning about. As always, the children will be able to explore materials, colour and tools freely, making their own choices about how to express their ideas.



Our music lessons will be focused on learning songs for our Nativity performance with the aim that the children will be able to learn and sing entire songs.

How you can support at home

- Read and discuss story books with your child often and encourage them to talk about what they can see and what has happened.
- Drawing freely, ask your child to talk about what they've drawn. Can they draw with continuous lines/making shapes to represent their ideas?
- Counting everyday objects during play or their daily routine, e.g. How many spoons do you have?
- Whilst out and about or at home, encouraging your child to use their senses to talk about things around them.
- Comparing objects using mathematical language, e.g., big/small, tall/short, heavy/light, thick/thin

Curriculum Promise

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

- Weekly visits to the chickens in school
- Children in Need: pyjama day
- Festival food tasting
- Christmas Nativity (dates TBC)
- Christmas craft morning