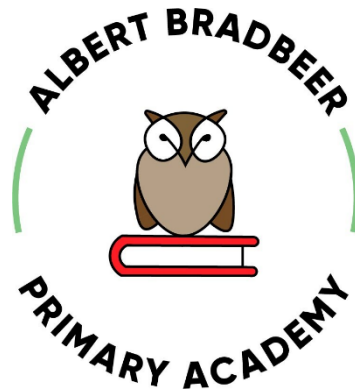


# Curriculum Newsletter



## Reception Autumn Term 2

### Important Dates

\*PE - Monday and Wednesday for RGS

\*PE - Tuesday and Friday for RI

Please send your child in PE kit for these days

\*Reading books are changed every Monday. Please bring the book and reading diary in at the start of every week.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 Christmas celebration at the church 2.00pm - 2.45pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Save The Children (Christmas jumper day £1)

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 09:15 – 10:00: Christmas Craft Workshop

Break up for Christmas: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Children return to School: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Reception Team**

Mrs Gray - EYFS lead  
Mr Ingham - Reception teacher  
Mrs Leontiou - Reception teacher  
Mrs Stafford - Reception teacher (*returning from maternity leave w/c 18<sup>th</sup> November*)  
Miss Akhtar - Reception teacher  
Miss Kiernan - Reception teaching assistant  
Miss Mohamet - Reception teaching assistant  
Miss Bolton - Reception teaching assistant  
Miss Bashford - Reception teaching assistant  
Miss Smith - EYFS teaching assistant  
Miss Paidas - EYFS teaching assistant  
Miss Price – Nursery Teacher

## **Communication and Language**

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

The children will continue to learn new vocabulary linked to festivals and celebrations.

There will be the opportunity for the children to role play in our home corner which is enhanced weekly, with the topic of the term.

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.

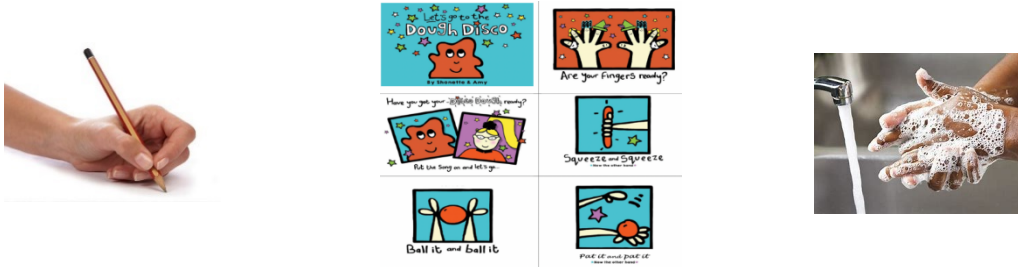
## **Physical Development**

This half term, the children will continue to develop their fine and gross motor skills. They will be taking part in different PE games such as throwing and catching, pushing and pulling.

They will have the opportunity to complete activities that will support their fine motor skills such as cutting, pinching using tweezers and taking part in dough disco. All these will help them develop the correct pencil grip that will then help them form letters with accuracy.

We will continue to explore different ways of moving and climbing as well as negotiating space and obstacles safely.

We will continue to encourage good hygiene routines such as washing hands before eating or after going to the toilet.



## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term our topic for PSHE is 'Celebrating Difference'. We will talk about our families, our special talents, where we live, how we make friends and what makes us special. This will help the children understand that even though we might look different, we are all very special and we can be good friends by being caring and kind to each other.

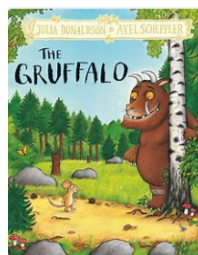
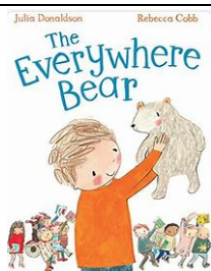
## Literacy

In Literacy, we will be learning sounds, ready for reading, through RWI phonics. The children are now assessed and placed into Phonics groups according to their ability. This will help them fill any gaps and learn new sounds. We will focus on blending sounds, using Fred talk, to read words e.g c-a-t, cat. We will continue to inform you weekly of the sounds that have been taught so you can support your child at home.

The children will hear lots of different stories and they will be encouraged to use new vocabulary when talking about the characters, the settings and the events. We will talk about the parts of a book and focus on the title, author, illustrator.

We will be encouraging children to use their phonics knowledge to write by modelling this daily in our literacy lessons.

These are some of the books we will be reading this term:



## Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing on circles and triangles, the numbers 1,2,3,4,5 and shapes with up to 4 sides. We will be using vocabulary linked to each scheme such as sides, corners, flat, straight, same, more, less, subitise.

## Understanding the World

This half term our topic is: 'The world around me: Festivals and Celebrations.' We will be learning about the different celebrations happening at this time of the year such as: Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Christmas. Through this we will look at the different festivals people with different religions celebrate and their traditions.

We will talk about our talents and what makes us special and unique and will compare ourselves to each other to find things that we have in common/are different.

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

## Expressive Arts and Design

The children will have free access in different creative activities throughout the day such as painting, cutting, junk modelling. We will be making diya lamps for Diwali, poppies for Remembrance Day and lots of Christmas crafts. We will mix colours and create Winter pictures. Children will be taught to use tools such as paintbrushes, scissors and other cutting tools safely.

We will continue to 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. (Remember to return their book every Monday so it can be changed)
- Supporting with their phonics sound recognition and formation - the sounds of the week are written weekly in your child's reading diary.
- Looking at shapes in the environment and talking about how many corners/sides they have.
- Encouraging them to mark make using their phonics skills by sounding out each word and hearing the sounds.
- Supporting them to learn how to write their names whilst ensuring a correct pencil grip - this is an essential skill that all children should be able to do before they leave Reception.
- Encouraging children to put on their own coats, using zips and buttons independently.
- Talking about hygiene and the importance of washing their hands after using the toilet.

\*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:

- Feeding our on-site chickens
- A secret reader to read the children a surprise story.
- Children in need pyjama day
- Morning breakfast with teachers
- Christmas party
- Reception Nativity
- A visit from a local police officer