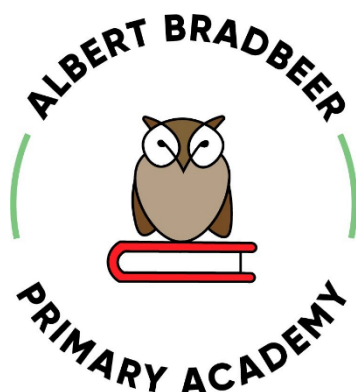


Curriculum Newsletter

Year 2



Autumn Term 2

Important Dates

Remembrance Day – Monday 11th November 2024

Children in Need (Wear Spotty Clothes £1 donation) – Friday 15th November 2024

Church Christmas Celebration – Tuesday 3rd December at 14:00-14:45

Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation) – Thursday 12th December 2024

Parents Christmas Craft Workshop – Friday 13th December 2024

Autumn 2 Term Ends – Friday 20th December 2024

Children return to school - Tuesday 7th January 2025

Year 2 Team

Miss Burness – 2B Teacher

Mrs Mahtey – 2M Teacher

Mrs Bazeley – Phase Leader

Mrs Sanders - HLTA

Mrs Cotterill – TA

Miss Boyd – TA

Mrs Smith – TA

Miss Offurum – TA

Miss Timmins - TA

Maths

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

We will be learning to:

- Add and subtract across ten.
- Use number bonds to help us work out sums.
- Know properties of 2D and 3D shapes.
- Recognise lines of symmetry.
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We will also be revising learning from Year One. This will include:

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

English

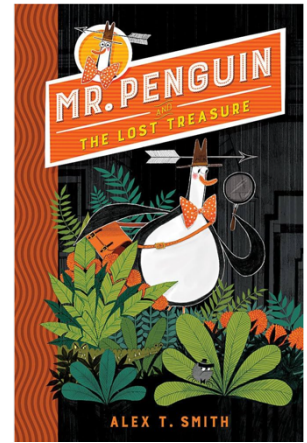
Reading

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.

Some of our Year 2 children will also be continuing with our Guided Reading sessions. Stories we will be looking at are Billy and the dragon, Gorilla, Ruby's Worry and then lead on to some lovely Christmas stories including Christmasaurus and The Snowman.

As a class, we will be continuing to read 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 and Thursday 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 write our own warning story based on the model text 'Kassim and the Greedy Dragon'. We will then be writing a persuasive letter with a festive theme.

We will be using lots of writing techniques, including:

- Adjectives
- Nouns
- Fronted adverbials
- Conjunctions
- Different types of sentences
- 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
- Conjunctions

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. Your child will have a login to the website <https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/login> where they can practice these rules in game form.

Science

In Science, our focus continues Living things and their habitats. We will be 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 thing plays a part in the circle of life. This topic will provide a great opportunity for hands-on learning and investigation.

Non-core Curriculum

Geography

Our topic for geography links smoothly after William the Conqueror and will focus on Castles.

During this topic, we will become geographers using map skills, directional vocabulary and identifying human and physical features. We will continue to look at our locality and surrounding areas but begin to venture further to our

country and its relationship to the British Isles, Europe and the world. We will do a study based on an English castle, Warwick Castle, in which we will be beginning to plan our educational trip in the Spring Term.



DT

Over this half-term, we will be following our scheme KAPOW to create a working mechanism based on a fairground wheel. This simplified wheel design will be made from repurposed materials. This practical subject will focus on using equipment safely and correctly, working cohesively as a group and building on and evaluating their own work.

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 2: Celebrating Differences

In piece 2, the children will focus on breaking and challenging stereotypes, celebrating diversity and will have a focus on Anti-Bullying Week. There will be a chance for children to work in groups, have independent time to think, take turns and be reflective. All key skills to ensure children have a thorough chance to discuss difficult topics and emotions whilst being in a respected and supportive environment.

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. We will also be beginning to look at gymnastics and some of the fundamental skills needed to safely begin experiencing this skill set.

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.
- Anti-Bullying Week
- Christmas Jumper Day
- Celebrating Christmas at the church
- Caring for the school chickens
- Parent Craft Workshop