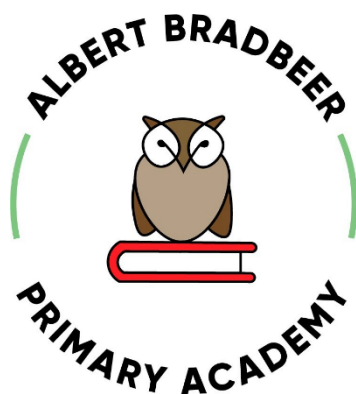


Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4



Autumn Term 2

Important Dates

Remembrance Day – Monday 11th November 2024

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

DT parent workshops: Friday 15th November 2024 and Tuesday 17th December 2024 (times TBC)

Christmas at the Church: Wednesday 4th December 2024 (**14.00-14.45**)

Gurdwara visit: Thursday 5th December 2024

Christmas Craft Workshop: Tuesday 10th December (time TBC)

4R Class Assembly: Thursday 12th December 2024

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

Break Up for Christmas: Friday 20th December 2024

Return to School for start of Spring term: Tuesday 7th January 2025

Year 4 Team

Miss Ramsay – 4R Teacher

Mrs Lynch – 4L Teacher

Miss Jawad – Teaching Assistant

Miss Timmins – Teaching Assistant

Maths

This half term, the children will be continuing their learning with addition and subtraction and area. Following this, we will be beginning the first unit of multiplication and division.

We will be learning about:

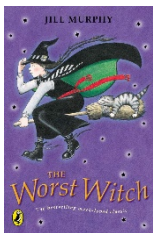
- Estimating answers and checking strategies
- Comparing areas
- The following times tables: 3, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12

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

The children will be asked to complete 15 minutes a week.

English

Reading



This half 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 to sequence a section of text to further show their understanding.

The children will be reading extracts from a range of books including: The Worst Witch, The Last Bear and The Firework Makers Daughter.



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 Scary tales inspired by a model text called the Manor House. The children will learn how to use tools that create tensions and suspense for the reader. We will be using lots of writing techniques, including:

- Rhetorical questions
- Short sentences for effect
- Dramatic emotions- froze in fear
- Spooky description- *lights flickering, mist creeping in...*

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 **Electricity**. Over the course of this half term, children will be able to identify the importance for electricity by building a simple circuit using wires, a bulb, and a cell (battery). We will develop questions about how electricity is made by researching items in our school and at home. Finally, we will be exploring the first lightbulb that was invented and it's inventor: Thomas Edi

Non-core Curriculum

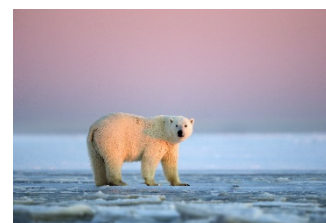
Geography

This half term, we will be learning about the Polar Regions.

The children will learn in detail about the Artic and Antarctic regions. They will learn about the locality of both areas as well as the climates. Children will then compare the weather, temperatures and seasonal patterns with that of the UK.

Children will also learn about animals living in both polar regions and how they are able to survive in such harsh climates.

If you would like to look at this in more detail with your child, I would recommend some of the fantastic David Attenborough documentaries available on BBC iPlayer or a visit to a local library to look at some information books.



Key Vocabulary:

Arctic	Antarctic	Polar
Continent Ocean	Permafrost	Tundra

Design and Technology

In D&T, we are exploring 2 new topics: mechanical systems and textiles

During this unit, the children will be designing and building a slingshot car in mechanical systems and a book cover in textiles.

RE

Our focus for RE is: **Religious leaders**

Children will first think about the qualities that make a good leader. They will move on to look at several religious stories that involve people who became important leaders of faith. We also have our trip to the Gurdwara this half term which is an exciting opportunity to learn about the Sikh faith in more detail.



PSHE

JIGSAW

Piece 2: Celebrating Differences.

During this unit, the children will be learning about how we need to treat others with respect despite of their differences. The children will also begin to learn about bullying and how problems can be resolved independently or with friends/family.

PE

During this half term, children will develop their skills in Gymnastic. They will explore creating shapes with their bodies and learn how a range of balances, stretches and movements.

Children will work together in small groups to collaboratively make well planned sequences of movements.

Computing

In computing, the 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. They will be continuing our studies by learning how to work remotely with one another.

Spanish

This term in Spanish, the children will be learning about Family. They will be learning how to identify different family members and continuing to use numbers and greetings to improve their Spanish.

Curriculum Promise

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

- BCM assembly
- Gurdwara visit
- Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas event at the church