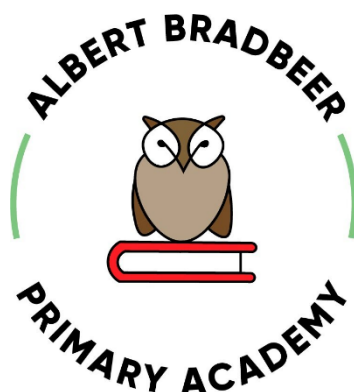


Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5



Autumn Term 2

Important Dates

Remembrance Day – Monday 11th November 2024

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

Switch off Fortnight – 11th-22nd November

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

Christmas Craft Workshop: Wednesday 11th December 2024 (time TBC)

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

Break up for Christmas: Friday 20th December 2024

Children return to School: Tuesday 7th January 2025

Year 5 Team

Teacher 5M - Mr Marshall

Teacher 5O’N - Mr O’Neill

Teaching Assistant - Mr Phillips

Teaching Assistant – Miss Beddoes

Maths

Building on from our understanding of place value, formal addition and subtraction methods, we will be studying multiplication and division (by 10,100,100) as well as factors, common factors and multiples and their relationships. Moving on from this we will investigate the links between square and cube numbers.

The main body of our learning, moving into mid-November, will be to learn about fractions. We will be converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice-versa, as well as adding and subtracting fractions.

Each week we will continue to do an arithmetic test so any support you can give your children with the basics of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to help them get ahead will be appreciated.

The children have all been given their TT Rockstars passwords once again- for additional homework, we would recommend that the children do three, ten minute sessions per week to improve fluency.

English

Our English work begins with looking at writing a warning story based on the Canal – a short story written by our very own Mrs Lynch! We will then move onto a study of A Christmas Carol and writing an obituary for Ebenezer Scrooge!

Reading

This half-term will be starting with a look at The Plague before delving into a couple of exciting chapters from the Hobbit – including the battle of the five armies. In the build up to Christmas year 5 will study the Charles Dickens classic – A Christmas Carol.

Why Read 20 Minutes a Day?

Student A reads
20 minutes



Results in:

1,800,000 words read per year

VS

Student B reads
5 minutes



Results in:

282,000 words read per year

Writing

In Writing, we will be developing our use of description in order to create an atmosphere around our story setting. The children will develop their understanding of:

- Expanded noun phrases
- Figurative language
- Prepositions
- Relative clauses

Spelling

We will be sending home 10 spellings a week for children to practise with an adult at home which will be used in lessons for the following week.

Science

Our science topic this half term is forces. We will be carrying out numerous practical experiments this half term, beginning with an experiment about friction before developing our understanding of gravity and the impact of this force on the world as well as the planets/celestial bodies around us.



Non-core Curriculum

Geography

Our topic this half term is Rivers. We will be looking at the features of all rivers from the source all the way to the delta/estuary. This will lead us onto continuing our Ancient Egypt theme from last half term with a study of the River Nile before comparing the Nile to the River Thames here in England.



DT

We will be looking at cooking technology and studying the components that make up a healthy meal. This will include reading and interpreting food labels for the characteristics of food, leading us to create our very own recipe for a Bolognese sauce!

RE

Our RE topic this half term is Planet Earth and how religions around the world show appreciate for what the Earth gives us. We will also be looking at the Christmas story and the importance of this celebration to Christmas in the run up to the holidays.

PSHE

JIGSAW

Piece 2: Celebrating Difference

In piece 2 we will look at why we are all different and how these differences should be celebrated, we will also look at how we can learn from the different people we encounter – both at school and the outside world.

PE

During this half term, we will be continuing with our swimming lessons every Tuesday afternoon.

In school we will be developing our knowledge and understanding of gymnastics – progressing our understanding of balances, rolls and movement.

Curriculum Promise

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

- Remembrance Day
- Children in need – wear spots day
- Litter picking in the local (school) area
- Visiting the Church for Christmas celebrations