



Albert Bradbeer Primary Academy

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term

What's going on?

This year promises to be a fantastic year; we've got some really exciting things to look forward to this term including the Harvest Festival, creating our own potions, exploring the world of Harry Potter and loads more exciting activities. It is also 4E's class assembly on Wednesday 15th November and 4T's on Wednesday 29nd November but we'll send you more information about this closer to the time.

Could we please bring reading records in every day as children will be given time to change their books during the week.

We can't wait to get started!

Now check out what else we'll be getting up to this term...

Music

In Year 4, every child has the opportunity to learn a musical instrument! These lessons will be taught by a qualified music teacher. 4T will be learning the cello every Thursday morning, and 4E will be learning a brass instrument on a Friday.

Don't be late!

At Albert Bradbeer we're really keen learners! Our aim is to have all children in school and ready to learn by 8.55am. Staff will be on the playground and taking in their classes by 8.50am so please make sure your child is in the line and ready for learning by this time – let's make Year 4 the best year group!!!

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Literacy

In Literacy this term we will be learning about a variety of text types, including narratives, newspapers, letter writing, information texts and biographies. The children will be sent home with a reading book, which we hope you will share with them. The expectation is that your child will read with an adult at least 3 times a week and this should be recorded in their reading diaries. If children read every week for the half term, they will be presented with a reading ambassador badge! Also, children will be given a list of 12 spellings that they should learn weekly. They will be tested on these every Friday.

Numeracy

In Numeracy this year, we are going to be placing a strong focus on learning our times tables as it is expected that all children know up to 12 x 12 by the end of year 4. In order to do this, children will be undertaking fortnightly tests in the Times Table Award schemes of work. Please support your child by helping them to learn their times tables and associated division facts at home on a regular basis.

Cornerstones

Our Topic during the first half term will be 'Potions'. We will be investigating what potions are; creating our own potions; and linking the topic to Harry Potter.

In Autumn 2, our topic will change and we will be studying 'Blue Abyss'. We will also be having a memorable experience, where the children will have the opportunity to visit the sea life centre!

Computing

In computing lessons this year, children will have the opportunity to develop new skills which they will be able to use in other curriculum areas.

Science

This term our Science topics will be 'States of Matter' and 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will be looking at many of the scientific processes that occur within each of these areas as well as how to design, conduct and evaluate a fair investigation.

P.E

During our P.E time, our focus will be Dance and Invasion games for the first half term. P.E days are on Monday and Tuesday in 4T and on Monday and Tuesday in 4E. P.E kit uniform is a white t-shirt, black shorts, dark tracksuit bottoms and a change of suitable footwear such as trainers or pumps.

We also have Commando Joe, who will be teaching the children about teamwork and perseverance on a Monday.

In Autumn 2 (after October half term) Year 4 will be starting their weekly swimming lessons.

Homework

Children will be issued with two pieces of homework per week, one for Literacy, one for Numeracy. Please remember that Homework Club runs every Thursday from 3:30-4:30 in Mrs Robinson's classroom if your child would like some additional help with their homework, as well as the opportunity to use a computer or the library for research. **Children will receive 45 minutes of Numeracy homework per week and this will be sent home on Tuesday and will need to be returned on a Friday. They will also receive 45 minutes of Literacy homework per week and this will be sent home on Friday and will need to be returned on a Tuesday.**

Please feel free to make an appointment to speak to your class teacher if you have any further enquiries.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Edwards, Miss Thomas, Miss Mead and Mrs Hartford (Year 4 staff).