



# Year 4 Newsletter Summer Term

## What's going on?

We've got some really exciting things to look forward to this term including continuing to explore the ocean depths and looking at animals and their various biological systems.

We will be completing our music assessments and performing for the school.

We will also be working towards achieving the school Artsmark for both Year 3 and Year 4.

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

### Music

We will all be continuing to learn our musical instruments! Both classes will be undertaking their assessments and will also be performing a concert during the term to show how far they've come this year. We will let you know the dates during the course of the term.

### 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:

Fact Files

Explanation Texts

Fantasy

Narrative

Persuasive Texts Poetry

Leaflets

Speeches and play scripts.

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! It would great to see even more children earning this reward! Also, children will be given a list of 12 spellings that they should learn weekly. They will be tested on these every Monday.

### 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  $12 \times 12$  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. Children will also continue to complete weekly arithmetic tests to consolidate their basic skills.

Our Maths curriculum for the summer term includes:

Written calculations.

Balancing equations.

Calculating with fractions. Equivalent fractions.

Rounding including decimals. Ordering decimal numbers.

Properties of numbers.

Calculating with money.

Interpreting Data

Properties of 2D shapes. Area and perimeter.

### Cornerstones

During Summer 1, we will continue to work on 'The Blue Abyss'. During Summer 2 we will be starting the interestingly named topic 'Burps, Bottoms and Bile' which we are sure the children will enjoy!

Over the course of the year, Year 4 will be working on activities and developing our art skills so that we can achieve an 'Arts Mark Award'.

### ICT

In ICT lessons this year, children will have the opportunity to develop new skills which they will be able to use in other curriculum areas. These will include algorithms and programming.

### Science

This term our Science topics will be 'Animals, including Humans' and 'Working Scientifically'. 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 Athletics and Outdoor and Adventurous Activities and 4K will continue to go swimming up until half term. P.E days are on Monday and Thursday in 4E and on Monday and Friday in 4K. 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.

### 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 Thursday 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 Ellis, Mr. Mee, Mrs Farren and Mrs Jordan (Year 4 staff).