

Year 5 Newsletter Autumn Term

What's going on?

Welcome back to school – we hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday.

This term promises to be another fantastic one; we've got some really exciting things to look forward to this term including our Christmas production.

We can't wait to get started! 😊

Here's what else we'll be getting up to this term...

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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 every day really count!!

Literacy

In Literacy we will be following the National Framework for Year 5 where we will be learning about a variety of text types including myths and legends, poetry and non-fiction writing. To support our learning, we will be studying Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator*.

Numeracy

Children will follow the National Framework in Year 5, continuing to develop their understanding of number operations, shape and problem solving. In this curriculum area, the children will be set different work according to ability in order to allow children to progress effectively. We are also focusing on improving our mental calculation skills and sharpening up our times tables knowledge this term through our Arithmetic scheme and our times tables programmes.

Cornerstones

Our Cornerstones topic during the first half term will be 'Stargazers' during which we will be finding out about our solar system and investigating the planets. We will also take part in several scientific investigations during this topic.

P.E

This term in PE we will focus on football and gymnastics. In addition, we will be taking part in sessions with Commando Joe to develop team-building and problem-solving skills. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school every day.

Homework:

Homework will be issued twice weekly. Maths homework will be sent out on a Tuesday to return on a Thursday and Literacy out on a Thursday and returned on a Tuesday. We offer Homework Club after school on Thursdays, where children can receive guidance and support in completing their homework. Children will also be given a weekly spelling test. The children are expected to read regularly at home and they will be provided with a school reading book to take home. The children also have access to a range of appropriate texts using the *Bug Club* internet resource, where their reading progress is monitored regularly in school.

There are also many other ways that you can support your child during this term:

- Continue to encourage them to complete their homework regularly;
- Help them to practise and apply their times tables and spellings;
- Whilst reading, ask them questions about what they have read and read lots of different types of texts as well as stories, articles, newspapers, reports and poems. You can also watch films and discuss characters, settings, motives and themes.

If you have any queries or would like any more information about your child's learning, please contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Pearce, Mrs Jordan, Mrs Sealey, Mrs Smith, Mrs Greenway and Mrs Hodgetts (Year 5 staff) 😊