



# Year 5 Spring Newsletter



## What's going on?

Welcome back to school and happy New Year to you all!



We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas holiday.

This term promises to be another fantastic one! We've got some really exciting things to look forward to, including a visit to Stratford Upon Avon in partnership with the Shakespeare trust and a visit to the Library.

This term there will be a big focus on improving home learning and home reading. We will continue to send homework and spellings weekly and will also send home learning ideas for our history unit- The Tudors. The children have already shown a keen interest and I am sure they would love to share their learning with you at home.

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[www.abprimary.bham.sch.uk](http://www.abprimary.bham.sch.uk)

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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 every day really count!!

## English

In English we will be following the National Framework for Year 5 where we will be learning about a variety of text types including formal letters, narrative and poetry. We will study the Highwayman, write letters to Henry VIII and create our own Avatar themed Sci-Fi stories to ensure that the children receive a rich and exciting Literacy curriculum.

## Maths

Children will follow the White Rose Mastery Scheme in Year 5, continuing to develop their understanding of multiplication, division and fractions. 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 daily Fast Maths scheme.

## History

Our history topic during this term will be 'The Tudors' during which we will be finding out about the Tudor reign and the role of Henry VIII as a leader, a very interesting and significant time in British history. In the second half of the spring term our topic will be 'stargazers'. A topic centred around the wonders of space and the history of space exploration.

## P.E

This term in PE we will focus on Dance and Hockey. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school every day.

## Homework:

Homework will be issued weekly. **Children will receive one piece of English and one piece of Maths homework per week as well as a weekly spelling list. This will be sent home on Thursday and will need to be returned on Tuesday.** We offer Homework Club after school on Thursdays, where children can receive guidance and support in completing their homework.

Children are also expected to read regularly at home at least three times a week. They will be able to take a reading book home from class, the school library or the book exchange shelf. The children have the opportunity to change their reading books on Monday afternoons with Mrs Farren. **We will be asking to see home reading diaries in school every Monday from next week onwards and would love to see a weekly parent comment.**

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. (E.g. what was the character feeling? Why did they feel like this? What do you think will happen next?)
- 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 Lynch, Miss Peet and Mrs Farren**