

Newsletter No 3

With only two school days left to go, this Friday marks the half way point in the academic year. It only seems like a few weeks ago that the school year started in September and we were looking forward to the year ahead.

This term the children have been Amazing as always. The whole school topic 'Mother Nature, Mother Earth' has provided a platform upon which they have discovered the different aspects of the beautiful planet we call home. Some have also ventured further afield to discover what lies beneath and out beyond the blue skies.

As we get ready to enjoy the half term break, please ensure that the children manage to lose themselves in a good book. Bedtime routines provide an important structure to the end of the day and are also a good excuse for a cuddle and story.

Sumdog

This week, children from Years 1 to 6 have taken part in the Sumdog contest. The contest started on Friday 8th February and will finish today, so there is still everything to play for. After the half term break, Ms Alcock, will share the results with the children during assembly and hopefully provide us with a number of reasons to celebrate.

Homework

As a school we strive to maximise every learning opportunity and to provide our children with a creative curriculum, which allows them to develop their understanding about the world outside of Albemarle. Our approach to Homework is underpinned by this and as you will know, each term 6 activities are set to consolidate and challenge every child's learning.

Over the last 12 months, we have had some truly exceptional pieces of homework. Here is an example of a highly creative way of raising awareness about the effects that plastic and pollution is having on our oceans.

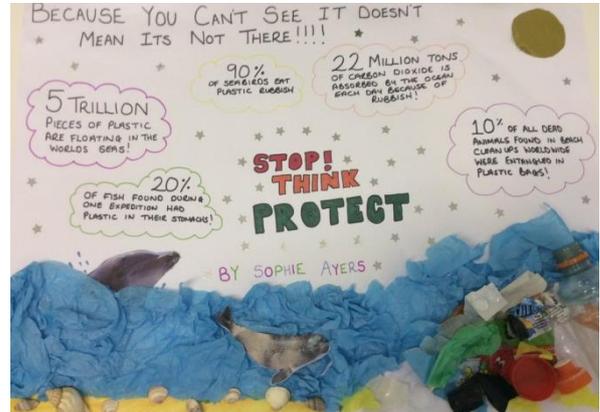
As you all are aware, homework books are expected to be in school every 2 weeks with the expectation that at least one activity has been completed. Spellings continue to be set weekly and an overview of the half term spellings can be found at the back of your child's homework

This week the Core Value is

'Independent'

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books. New spellings will be set and given out in the first week after half term. We look forward to seeing more Amazing homework projects handed in on Wednesday 27th February.



Love is in the Air



Yesterday, children from Reception to Year 6 presented 'Tis the Season for Love'; a collection of songs, poems and readings, which explored the true meaning of Love. Thank you to all parents who attended the event. I think you will all join me in saying thank you to Mr Fisher, who continues to nurture our children's musical talents!

Music @ Albemarle

At Albemarle, we encourage all children to develop a love of Music. We believe that a high quality music education can deeply enrich a child's experience at school by developing confidence and expression while also contributing towards an emotionally intelligent ethos.

Singing

During their learning journey, every child experiences the joy of music through singing together in assemblies and celebration concerts. The power of music brings the whole school together and singing collectively helps to develop a strong sense of what it means to be part of Albemarle.

Mr Fisher and his team visit the school every Wednesday and vocal work underpins the development of a child's musical journey.



Performing

During their time at Albemarle, all children are provided with the opportunity to learn different musical instruments. In KS1 the children begin learning the recorder and continue this into KS2, whilst also learning how to play the Djembe.

As the children move through KS2 they are able to develop their performance skills as they learn to play a brass instrument. Children in Year 4 and Year 5 are currently learning the trombone and trumpet. Across the year, the children play together in celebration concerts, which parents are invited to watch each term.

Listening

Last term children from Year 4 visited the Royal Festival Hall at the Southbank Centre to experience a live concert, specially tailored for children, performed by the Philharmonia Orchestra. This term, we are delighted that young musicians from King's College Wimbledon will be returning to share their love of Jazz music with KS2.

Upcoming Music Dates!

Friday 22nd March: King's College Jazz Group visit KS2

Monday 25th March: Year 4 and 5 Music Concert (US Hall)

Tuesday 26th March: Year 2 and 3 Music Concert (US Hall)

Parents Evening

This term Parent's evening will be held on **Wednesday 6th March**, starting at 2.30pm.

Interviews will last for **10 minutes**. During this time, there will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress to date, review their targets set in the Autumn term and discuss new targets for Spring.

You can book from Friday 15th February at 6pm please logon to:-

www.albemarleprimaryschool.parenteveningsystem.co.uk and select your preferred time. There is also a link to this website on our school website.

Please note:

School finishes at 2.15pm on Wednesday 6th March. Please ensure that you have arranged childcare as school staff will not be available to supervise children after 2.15pm. However, they can attend Twinkling Stars if you book a place through Magic Booking via the school's website.

Dates for Your Diary

18th-22nd Feb Half Term Break
25th **INSET DAY**
26th School re-opens at 08:45
6th March Parents Evening (school closes 2.15)

Half Term Break February 18th to 22nd



Holiday School Care @ Albemarle

With only 1 school day to go until the end of the half term don't forget that Holiday School Care will be here to take care of your children. Starting on Monday 18th February until Friday 22nd February, Holiday School Care will be open from 8am to 6pm. To find about more log on to:

www.holidayschoolcare.co.uk

Albemarle Attendance

As you are aware, our attendance target has been set at 97%. Last week, a fantastic 4 classes managed to exceed it!

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| Amethyst | 99.64% |
| Sapphire | 98.72% |
| Coral | 98.08% |
| Opal | 97.60% |

Please make every effort to get your children into school by 8:45am. The school gates open at 8:40am to enable your child to start their learning promptly.

Holiday

Have a wonderful, restful Half Term break. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 26th February at 8:45am.

Yours, Theresa Moses (Head Teacher)

