

Next week the Core Value is

'We are Reflective'

Homework @ Albemarle

At Albemarle we strive to ensure that homework supports children and parents with their learning journey. As a school, we have invested in a number of online systems which enable children to log on and complete their homework from the comforts of their home or at the local library.

We believe that, homework must be purposeful, linked to learning in the classroom and prepare our children for the next stage of their educational career.

We also feel passionate that the purpose of Homework is:

- To consolidate and re-inforce skills and understanding
- To extend school learning and involve parents in this process
- To allow children to devote time to projects that excite and inspire them
- To develop children's confidence and self-discipline with meeting deadlines, an essential skill for Secondary School.

Next week, children will bring home our new revised Homework system. This will include 6 homework activities based on the learning in class and provide an opportunity for your child to be creative and enrich their learning.

Online resources such as Reading Eggs and Mathletics will continue as usual alongside weekly spellings which will be set in advance.

We hope that this new system will create more opportunities for you and your child/ren to consolidate learning and provide you with a framework to explore the curriculum together.

We Need You !

In preparation for 'The Big' Draw' on Friday 20th October at 3.30pm, if you are available on Wednesday 18th after school at 3.30pm we would like you to help us prepare the resources ready for the event. Everyone is welcome.

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

'Twinkling Stars' our After School Care provision which runs from Monday to Friday 3.15pm till 6.30pm. As a school, we provide this service to help support families of Albemarle and parents in the local community. In order to ensure that we have the right adult-child ratio, we need you to log on and book online or call the school office before 3pm.

Thanking you in anticipation

What's the Time Mr. Wolf?

It has come to my attention that a number of children are being left in the playground unaccompanied. Gates open at 8.30am for children and parents to be ready for the start of the school day which starts at 8.45am. However between 8.30am and 8.45am children are your responsibility.

We understand that some parents may have children who attend both Lower and Upper school. Can we please request that you speak with your child and ensure that they line up sensibly and wait for their class teacher to arrive.

'If Music be the Food of Love, Play on'



This line from Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* is taken from the scene where Orsino (a main character in the play) is asking for more music because he is frustrated in his courtship of Countess Olivia. He muses that an excess of music might cure his obsession with love, in the way that eating too much removes one's appetite for food.

It is a well-known fact that music plays an important part in Shakespeare's plays and research also shows that learning to play an instrument has many benefits.



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For The Love of Music

At Albemarle, we are always looking at ways to engage the children through enriched opportunities which help stimulate and extend their learning.

Over the past five years, the children have been exposed to an engaging curriculum and an increasing number of opportunities to explore the arts through music, song, dance and drama.

Across the school, children from nursery to Year 6 are provided with a wide and varied range of musical experiences which creates a climate for children to be able to explore and develop a range of transferrable skills.

This year, the children in Years 2, 3 4 and 5 will have the opportunity to play a range of musical instruments.

In Year 2, children in both **Topaz** and **Citrine** Class will continue to develop their skills in playing the recorder. They have learnt about different note values and are beginning to be able to read notation.

Children in **Emerald** and **Jade** Class will continue to play the recorder in Year 3. However, this year they will also learn how to play the Djembe (a West African drum).

In Year 4, **Sapphire** Class, the children have been introduced to and over the course of the year, will learn how to play, the trombone.

While in Year 5, **Amethyst** Class, this year the children will continue to develop their skills and master the art of playing the trombone.

Alongside playing instruments, music is woven across the curriculum. In class, music can often be heard in the background during lessons or as it plays a leading role in singing during class sessions or whole school assemblies.

We hope that across the school year, you will join us to help celebrate the children's achievements.

Attendance and Punctuality

This week 6 of our 13 classes managed to exceed our attendance target of 97%.

Topaz	100%
Jade	99.5%
Diamond	99.62%
Amethyst	99.23%
Sapphire	97.41%
Coral	97.32%

Amber class just missed the target with 96%. With only 5 school days left before the October half term, let's see if we can raise the roof next week and get all of the children in the building.

Dates for Your Diary

18th: Year 5 Residential

18th: Black History Month Assembly. Due to the number of children, there will be two performances:

9.15am: **Ruby**, **Amber**, **Topaz**, **Emerald**, **Sapphire**, **Amethyst** & **Diamond**

2.30pm: **Jasper**, **Coral**, **Citrine**, **Jade**, **Sapphire** & **Diamond**

20th: Headteacher's Coffee Morning at 9am

20th: Big Draw event 3.30pm

23rd-27th: Half Term Break

(Holiday School Care @ Albemarle)

30th: Inset day

31st: School re-opens at 8:45am

1st November: Parent's Evening

There is still time to book online please log on to:-

www.albemarleprimaryschool.parenteveningsystem.co.uk and select your preferred time.

There is also a link to this website on our school website.

Have a great weekend.

Yours

Theresa Moses

