

Headteacher's Note:

Hi everyone,

We're really excited that we are able to offer swimming lessons again from next week. With fully trained swimming instructors and lifeguards, we are very fortunate to be able to offer this provision at our school. Our pupils benefit from lessons from Years 2 to 6 and really do enjoy their swimming.

Most of you will know that the children can also enjoy the pool at weekends and during the Summer holidays. This is due to volunteers running Albrighton Swimming Club. They also plan to open this year and we will inform you of the date as soon as it is decided upon.

The swimming pool costs a significant amount of money to heat and maintain each year. Alongside the school and swimming club contributing funding are the endeavours of Friends of Albrighton Swimming Pool (FASP), also a voluntary organisation who run the Albrighton lottery and without whose financial support the swimming pool could not remain open.

Numbers supporting the lottery however have been dwindling and we need a bit of a resurgence to enable the longer term opening of the pool. I will write to you next week with more information about this.

Kindest Regards

Julie Bratt

Dates for your diary



Monday 10th May:

Swimming starts (Y2 Y6) - see timetable

Friday 21st May:

Deadline for Royal Mail Competition

Wednesday 26th May:

Deadline for Bag2School donations (4pm)

Friday 28th May:

End of Term

Class Heroes:

Reception Rangers:

Hugo & Phoebe

Shooting Stars:

Millie

Racing Rockets:

CJ

Cosmic Comets:

Oliver

Skyflyers:

Maximus

Voyagers:

Lexijo

Starships:

Jordan

Explorers:

Harrison

Red Arrows:

Amelia

Well Done!



Star Readers:

Reception Rangers:

Darcy & George

Shooting Stars:

Rosie

Racing Rockets:

Jacob

Cosmic Comets:

Joseph

Skyflyers:

Jack

Voyagers:

Corey

Starships:

Autumn

Explorers:

Matthew

Red Arrows:

Ben M

Well Done!



Star Writers:

Reception Rangers:

Elliot & Willow

Shooting Stars:

Millie

Racing Rockets:

Jenson

Cosmic Comets:

Oliver

Skyflyers:

Sonny

Voyagers:

Lola

Starships:

Ben B

Explorers:

Harrison

Red Arrows:

Emily

Well Done!



Meet our Shooting Stars Teacher

About Me



My name is Charlotte Newton, and I am the Shooting Stars teacher (Year 1 & 2). This is my first year at Albrighton and my first year of teaching!

I completed my Primary Education degree in Cheltenham and spent three years living there learning all the best ways to be a teacher. I first became interested in this job when I worked as a leader with brownies and this is what inspired me to pursue teaching.

I have loved working at Albrighton over the past year. All the teachers and pupils have made my first year very enjoyable and everyday has been different! It is a wonderful environment to work in and we are lucky at Albrighton to have so much outside space.

My Favourites

- Food:** roast dinner
Colour: purple
Sport: netball and hockey
Books: Harry Potter or A Squash and a Squeeze
Movies: Grease or Beauty and the Beast
Place: Barmouth
Animal: Elephant
Subjects: History, Maths and Art



Good To Be Green Behaviour System



This term, we've added an addition to our behaviour system 'Good to be Green' as children now have the opportunity to get to gold if they are consistently well behaved or they behave in a way that is deemed exceptional.

Children will receive a sticker so everyone in school and home will be able to see they are on gold that day. In addition to this, we have also added raffle tickets for 'Golden Moments'. These golden moments might be a fantastic answer in a lesson, a lovely act of kindness or great homework etc. At the end of the week each class will have a raffle draw and a prize will be given to the winner.

The more raffle tickets a child gets - the more chances to win.

Royal Mail Competition



The Royal Mail will be issuing a new set of stamps which will feature designs created by eight school-aged children.

We are asking our young designers to think about who their hero or heroes are, and to then design a stamp in their honour.

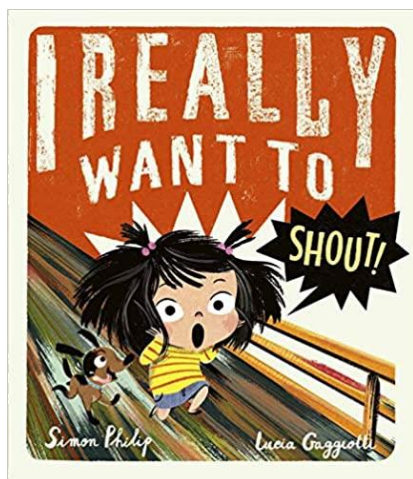
A special panel of judges will pick the winning designs. The final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen before they can be printed and issued.

<https://www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/>

<https://www.albrightonprimary.com/curriculum-8/design-and-art/royal-mail-hero-stamp-design>

Please bring your entries into school, which must be drawn onto the official template below, by **Friday 21st May**.

The Albrighton Book Worm



Title: I Really Want To Shout!

Author: Simon Philip

Illustrator: Lucia Gaggiotti

Reviewed By: Mrs Tearle

Plot - What happens in the story

The narrator of the story is really struggling with her emotions, particularly anger and frustration. She really doesn't know what to do when she feels this way but help is always around when she needs it to help her deal with her emotions in the right way.

Who would like this story?

This is a book with beautiful, bold pictures and a clever rhyming text. It is suitable for age 4-6 years old children to help them make sense of their own emotions.

Other books in the series:



Can you help us with our local heritage project?

By Mrs Tearle



As you may be aware, I am extremely keen to set up a local heritage project at our school as it has such a rich and exciting heritage. I would really like to have every year group learning about a different aspect of Albrighton's history. In order to have enough information to make this possible, I need to begin gathering different sources of information. Therefore, if you have a story to tell, photographs or any source of information about the history of the local area, past residents, the school or any local places I would be really eager for this to be shared with us. It would also be lovely to, once we can, have local people with interesting heritage stories to visit us at school to be interviewed by our pupils.

Another aspect of our heritage project would involve learning about the Albrighton WW1 and WW2 war heroes as well as ancestors of our pupils. If you have any ancestors that you are aware of that played a part in these wars, we would appreciate if you could share their stories with us. Having real people that our pupils have a connection with will really help the learning have more purpose and impact.

If you feel you have any information to share on any aspect of local or personal heritage, you can get in touch with me by emailing the school office at admin@albrighton-pri.shropshire.sch.uk





Growth Mindset

At Albrighton Primary School, we know that pupils who have a positive attitude towards their learning will make good progress and be successful. Consequently, instilling all our pupils with 'growth mindsets' has become a key priority for the school this term and beyond especially following the recent lockdowns.

We have introduced the theories of Dr Carol Dweck to staff and pupils and are determined to embed its ideas within our school ethos.

We want all our pupils to relish challenges, embrace their mistakes as part of the learning process, value the importance of effort, respond carefully to feedback and take inspiration from others. This will help them to achieve, not only with us, but also in their future lives as adults. We are very excited about the prospect of nurturing a growth mindset culture at our school over the coming months and seeing our pupils 'bounce back' from all of the disruption they have endured over the last year.

Encouraging children to become confident and resilient learners

We know that in order to fulfil the potential of our pupils and encourage them to become confident and resilient learners we, as a team of parents and staff, need to be modelling the mindset of a learner who is not afraid of making mistakes but who thrives upon them, knowing that this is all part of the learning process. The way in which we encourage children to learn and explore is vital to their success, not only at school but at home as well.

Central to this attitude and approach to learning, are the theories and proven evidence of Growth Mindset. This is a term coined by psychologist Carol Dweck and her research has identified the characteristics of learners with a fixed and a growth mindset:



For further information on how to encourage confident and resilient learners at home, have a look at some of the links below.

<https://www.mindsetworks.com/parents/growth-mindset-parenting>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-try-new-things>

<https://www.oxfordlearning.com/growth-mindset-tips-for-parents/>



Cricket

All children from Years 1 to 6 took part in a cricket experience session ran by a professional coach from Shropshire cricket. They took part in some fun warm up activities, practised throwing and catching and had an opportunity to bat and field. All Stars (ages 5 to 8) and Dynamos (age 8 to 11) is an exciting and affordable cricket programme starting this week.



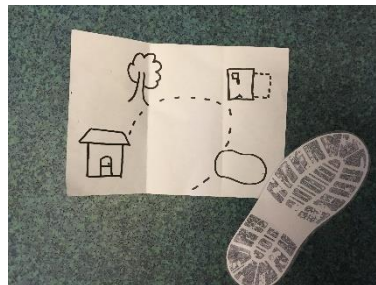
For more information contact your local cricket club or visit: <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/allstars/searchresults>



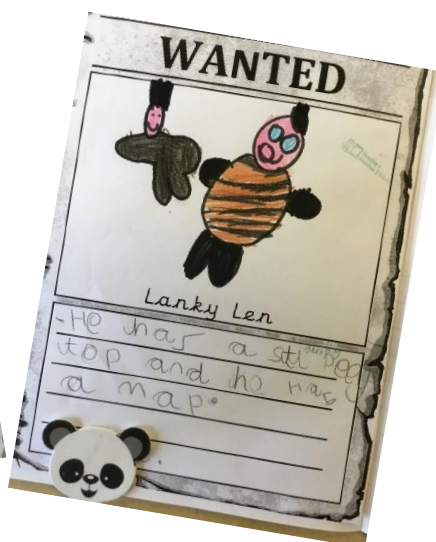
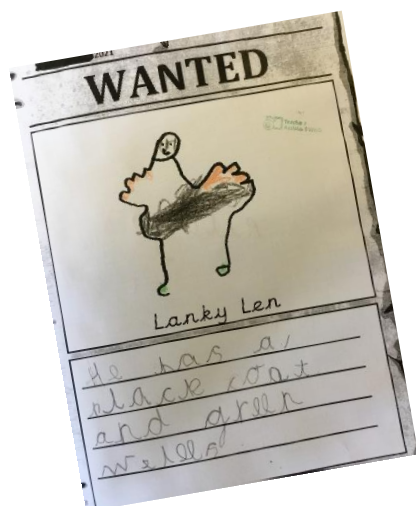
Reception Rangers have had to turn into police officers this week!

We came into school on Tuesday to find our interactive television and discovery dinosaur gone!

We found some clues - they all linked to Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len from 'What the Ladybird Heard'!



We created a police role play. We used magnifying glasses to look at clues, made our own police hats and thought about questions we could ask others to find out more.



We wanted to catch the thieves! We made some WANTED posters and thought about how we can describe Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len.

WE DID IT! HEFTY HUGH AND LANKY LEN WERE CAUGHT AND WE GOT OUR TELEVISION AND DINOSAUR BACK 😊



Swimming Sessions

Swimming lessons begin in school the week commencing Monday 10th May 2021 for year groups 2-6; the timetable is shown below.

Please ensure that your child has the necessary swimwear. Girls must have a one-piece swimming costume and boys should have swimming trunks (boys can wear swim shorts but they must be above the knee). Swimwear can be any colour.

Swimming goggles are allowed but not snorkel masks. Please ensure that goggles fit properly prior to the lesson. Pupils with long hair must have it tied back or wear a swimming cap. Any child with a verruca or athlete's foot should wear a special latex swim sock. All jewellery including earrings must be removed.

Can pupils please bring in a towel and a plastic bag to put their wet things into afterwards. A warm waterproof coat is also essential.

Swimming is part of our physical education programme as recommended in the National Curriculum guidelines and is therefore not an optional activity. All children from Year 2 up are expected to take part in swimming lessons unless there are medical reasons why they cannot. In which case, please put this in writing to your child's class teacher.

SWIMMING TIMETABLE

Summer Term 2021 (starting Monday 10th May)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM					YEAR 2
PM	SKYFLYERS	RED ARROWS	VOYAGERS	STARSHIPS	EXPLORERS



Zoom Club

ParentPay closes at midnight every **Wednesday** evening for bookings for the following week. There are limited spaces so booking is essential to ensure a place.

To assist us in managing places, please can parents book a month in advance where possible. You are able to make change for future bookings at any time until the cut-off for that week.

Late bookings can be made, if there are spaces available, however we can't guarantee there will be a space available. If you have any queries, please contact the school office (01902 372558) or email



We are having a

Bag2School

fundraising collection



Please give good quality:-



- **adults' & children's clothing**
- **paired shoes**
- **lingerie, socks, hats, scarves, belts & ties**
- **handbags & jewellery**
- **soft toys**
- **household linen, curtains, towels & bedding (sheet, duvet covers & pillow cases)**

The more we collect, the more we raise!!



Please return bag to school by

4pm on

Wednesday 26th May 2021

Raise FREE donations for

Albrighton Primary School and Nursery
every time you **shop online**

Find us on **easyfundraising.org.uk**

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/albrightonpschnursery/?invite=QOGFBI&referral-campaign=c2s>

4,300 online sites will give us a free donation
when you shop with them - at no extra cost to you!




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Spring 2021 Menu - Week 2

Weeks Commencing: 15 March 21, 19 April 21, 10 May 21, 7 June 21, 28 June 21, 19 July 21

	Marvellous Monday	Tasty Tuesday	Wicked Wednesday	Thrilling Thursday	Fruity Friday
MAINS	Sausage Roll Or Cheese & Potato Pie (v) Or Toasties (v) / / / /	Chicken Cordon Bleu Or Pizzini (v) Or Jacket Potato (v) / / / /	Roast Beef/Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding Or Quorn Fillet & Yorkshire Pudding (v) / / / /	Wrap Day Ham, Cheese (v), Tuna, BBQ Chicken, Fish Finger Or Frittata (v) Or Omelette (v) / / / /	Pizza - Cheese & Tomato (v) Or Beef & Lasagne Or Jacket Potato (v) / / / /
SIDES	Creamed Potatoes Baked Beans Wedge Of Bread Peas / / / /	Herby Penne Pasta Baked Beans Broccoli / / / /	Roast Potatoes Creamed Potatoes Carrots Green beans / / / /	Croquette Potato Baked Beans Cucumber slices Tomato slices / / / /	French Fries Baked Beans Sweetcorn / / / /
DESSERTS	Flapjack Fruit Salad Fruit Yogurts	Chocolate Crunch Rice Pudding Fruit Salad Fruit Yogurts	Vanilla & Jam Sponge & Custard Fruit Salad Fruit Yogurts	Strawberry Mousse Fruit Salad Fruit Yogurts	Fruity Friday Frozen Desserts Fruit Pots Yogurts 

Packed Lunch menu all served with fruit & salad, cheese portion, juice or water & dessert of the day

Wraps

Sandwich

Wraps

Sandwich

Crackers