

Headteacher's Note:

Hi everyone,

It has been lovely to see so many exciting learning experiences occur throughout this week as children have started their new half termly topics. Talking to children shows just how excited they are about their learning across the curriculum.

As you will see from reading some of the articles in today's newsletter, we are having a real focus on capturing both pupil and parent voice to really help us to improve the experiences our young people have here at Albrighton. We really do take your views seriously and we appreciate the time you take to feedback to us. We are very excited that some of our pupils in Year 5 and 6 are currently setting up their own newsletter page, which we hope will have its first edition next Friday.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the fireworks,

Kind Regards

Karen Tearle

Value of the Month

Positivity

Dates for your diary



Wednesday 10th

November:

Deadline for nominations for Parent Governor

Friday 12th November:

Deadline for Christmas Card orders

Friday 19th November:

Children In Need Danceathon - £1 donation

Tuesday 30th November:

Deadline for donation for Bag2School collection

Friday 17th December:

Break-up for Christmas

Wednesday 5th January:

Return to school

Class Heroes:

Skyflyers:

Millie

Darcy

Starships:

Florence

Alexander

Stargazers:

Sonny

Isabella-Mae

Explorers:

Layla-Rose

Jack

Aeronauts:

Jordan

Lily-Rae

Well Done!



Attendance:

1st to 5th November

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| Reception Rangers M | 90.9% |
| Reception Rangers S | 96.7% |
| Shooting Stars | 98.0% |
| Racing Rockets | 96.9% |
| Cosmic Comets | 95.9% |
| Skyflyers | 98.1% |
| Starships | 99.0% |
| Stargazers | 100% |
| Explorers | 95.6% |
| Aeronauts | 96.8% |

Congratulations to Stargazers on achieving 100% attendance this week.

Fundraising

Christmas Cards and Gifts

No need to shop for unique CHRISTMAS CARDS, GIFT TAGS, MUGS or COASTERS this year! Your child has created their own Christmas design. Cards are available in packs of 12. Your child's drawing can also be printed onto 'Card-Style' Gift Tags, Mugs and Coasters, however, Gift Tags are only available for order together with the corresponding Card design. Profit from every sale goes towards fundraising for our school.



If you would like to place an order, please indicate the quantities required on the order form your child has brought home. An order form has also been included in the newsletter. By completing this form, you are giving us permission to reproduce your child's image. You should receive your order within 2-3 weeks from submission of the whole school's order.

Cards: Packs of 12 Cards at a cost of £5.00 per pack
Gift Tags: Packs of 6 Gift Tags at a cost of £2.00 per pack
Mugs: Mugs (boxed) at a cost of £6.00 per mug
Coasters: Coasters at a cost of £2.50 per coaster

We ask that you make your order on the form and enclose the correct money in an envelope for your child to return to school by Friday the 12th November. Please support us in purchasing these lovely Christmas items to help us raise much needed funds for school.

Deadline for orders: Friday 12th November

If you have misplaced your order form, a copy can be printed from our website: [School Jotter - Site \(schooljotter2.com\)](http://SchoolJotter-Site(schooljotter2.com))

Children In Need

This year's Children in Need will take place on Friday 19th November. At school we are going to 'get our Strictly on' and have a Danceathon, where children will be able to come to school dressed in dance or sports clothing and throughout the day children will take part in a dance workshop, where they will learn popular dance routines.



We ask that children bring £1 on the day that will go to Children in Need.

Easyfundraising

Easyfundraising is a great way that you as parents, grandparents and friends of the school can raise money without it costing you anything. Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your favourite cause. Just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal. Retailers will then make a small donation to say "thank you". There are over 6,000 retailers to choose from.



With Christmas approaching and our thoughts turning to buying presents, now is the perfect time to join and help us raise funds. All you need to do is follow the link to the easyfundraising website and either sign up and start shopping straight away or download the app. Every time you are buying items online go through the website or app and we get a percentage donation from the retailer.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/albrightonpschnursery/>

Pupil Voice – School Council

School council has been meeting regularly over the last few weeks and is already making an impact with their decision making.



Value of the Month

Their first big decision, supported by their classmates, was to decide on our new monthly values. Each month we will be focusing around school on a value. The agreed values and the month they will be reflected on are:

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| September | Friendship |
| October | Responsibility |
| November | Positivity |
| December | Generosity/Sharing |
| January | Respect |
| February | Kindness |
| March | Perseverance |
| April | Forgiveness |
| May | Honesty/Trust |
| June | Teamwork/cooperation |
| July | Determination |

November's Value of the Month



Christmas Card Pledge

The next big decision they've made is about Christmas cards after one of our parents suggested we take part in the Christmas Card Pledge. This is a school pledge that we agree that within school we won't send Christmas cards to each other. The school Council voted with 14 children out of the 16 deciding that we need to think about the environment and not send cards. The children then came up with ideas that children could do in their classes instead.

These are:

- a Secret Santa for cards, where each child puts their name into a pot and then they pull one out, only sending a card to that one person.
- or
- send one card to the whole class, which the teacher will display.
- or
- create a display of Christmas messages from each child using recycled card/paper.

The school council will be supporting Mrs Tearle next week, with sharing all of this information with children in assembly.

Memorable Experiences

Reception Rangers

Reception Rangers are starting their new topic 'Why do squirrels hide their nuts?'

We have had lots of fun exploring outside. We are going to be finding out about the different animals that visit our school grounds.

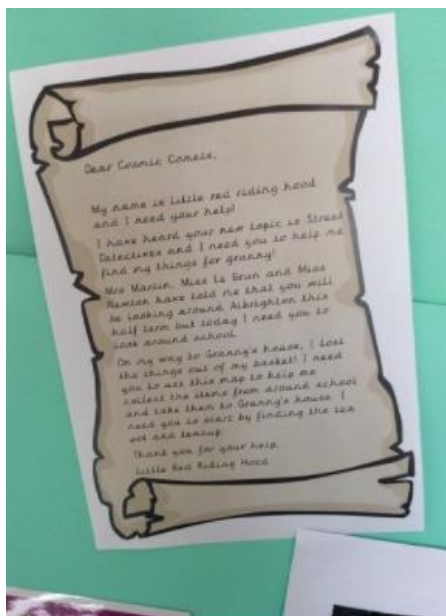


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Memorable Experiences Years 1 and 2

We all had a great time. As a starting point for our new theme, we received a letter from Little Red Riding Hood who needed the children's help to find her items for Granny and then deliver them to her house. The children became 'detectives' using the map, Little Red Riding Hood had sent, to find the items for Granny.

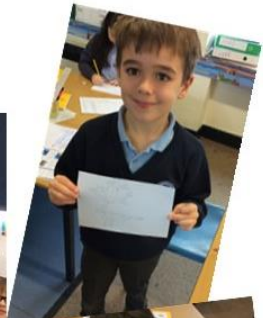
Luckily for the children the Big Bad Wolf was on holiday!



Memorable Experiences
Years 3 and 4

Y3/4 Gods and Mortals!

Our new topic is focused on the ancient Greeks. We started learning about exciting myths and legends that made us enthusiastic for our topic! We made our own mythical creature and drew these, thinking carefully about their supernatural powers.



Then, we looked at Greek pottery and noticed that stories were often retold on there. We designed our own pottery, telling the legend of our mythical creature.



Memorable Experiences

Years 5 and 6

Year 5/6 Launch Day ID

On Launch Day the children investigated different items and discussed who the items could belong to. This led to a good discussion about stereotypes!



The children also worked as a class to create a class key to identify every child in the class.



Safer Schools



Supporting Mrs Bratt as the new Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Tearle gave a fresh start to the Safer School initiative at Albrighton Primary School and recently held a Safer School meeting. This is a security/safety initiative and the meeting was well attended by staff, governors, parents, pupils and West Mercia Police.

Primarily this meeting was planning for the future but we did include the essentials of the initiative, including reviewing any school issues, considering improvements and updating a security/safety checklist. The meeting also reflected on the improvements made since the previous meeting. An important aspect of the initiative is gathering feedback from parents/carers and pupils and this meeting was reassuring with good contributions from both the parents and pupils that attended. It is proposed to expand this involvement to all parents/carers and pupils using a survey. An excellent meeting and a new Safer School certificate was presented to the school. A future meeting is scheduled for the Spring term 2022.

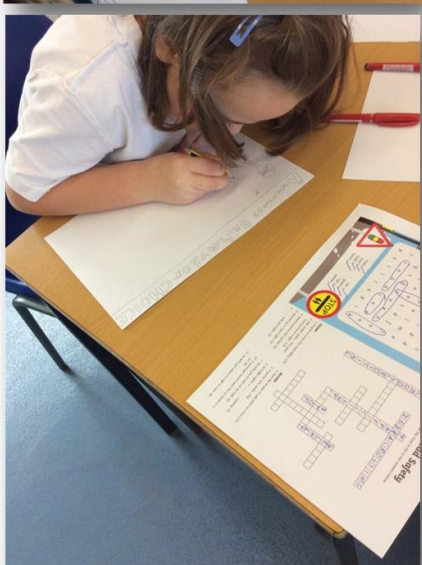
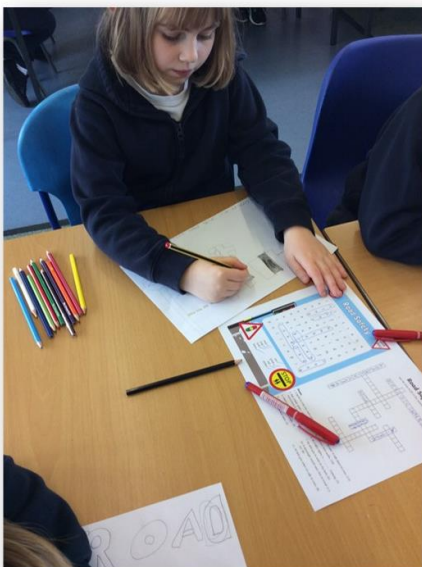
Ian Bartlett
Crime Prevention Officer
Shropshire Council

Thank you to parents who have already completed the Safer Schools questionnaire. There is still time for you to have your say, please complete the questionnaire using the link: <https://forms.office.com/r/wd1dpDWgdF>.

It would be useful to have as much feedback as possible so it can be considered at our next Safer School meeting in February. The focus of the survey is the school grounds/site so any observations you have would be gratefully received.

Stepping Out Training (Road Safety)

All of Year 3/4 participated in 'Stepping Out' - a pedestrian training course. We learned how to walk on pavements and cross roads safely, including at tricky junctions and with parked cars. In class, we completed a range of further activities to support our understanding.



Health and Wellbeing



Talking to your child about how they're feeling can be hard. You might feel like you don't know where to start or when a 'good time' to talk is.

By taking 20 minutes to do an activity you both enjoy, you can create a relaxed space for getting the conversation started. The Young Minds website has got lots of activity ideas, conversation starters and advice for making talking easier.



<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/starting-a-conversation-with-your-child/#Talkingtoyourchild>

If your child tells you they're struggling, it's important to make sure they feel seen and heard. If you're worried about something that's come up in conversation, be honest and clear about how you see things and how you want to support them.

When responding, it helps to:

- Validate their feelings. You could say 'it's really understandable that you're feeling...' to let them know that their feelings are okay.
- Thank them for sharing what's going on and be encouraging about the way they've opened up.
- Let them know that you love them, you're there for them, they can talk to you whenever they need to, and you can help them get support if they need it.
- Ask them if there's anything you could do that they would find particularly helpful.
- Spend time together thinking about what's making them feel this way. It could be something at home or school, a relationship with a friend or family member or something else.
- Let your child know about the helplines, textlines and online chat services that are available - which you can find at the end of this guide. Young people can find it difficult to talk and worry about upsetting their parents, so reassure them that it's okay to open up to other people.
- Remind your child that this is temporary. Reassure them that things can change and they can feel better.
- Avoid conversations at the height of distress. It's important to be there for them, but it can be more helpful to talk about the causes when things are feeling calmer.

The Albrighton Book Worm

What makes your hero super?

Why not enter this exciting comic book competition (running from 11th October to 30th November)?



Would you like the power to fly, to take off from your chair anytime you wanted? WOW!

What about using your strength to support a wobbly bridge just before the passenger train arrives? YIKES! Maybe you could use your powers to transform yourself into a tiger or a butterfly. Your skills may help you save rain forests or speak to ghosts. Whoopee!

Or perhaps you'd use your special abilities to make someone smile, stop an elderly friend from being lonely, help clean the world by saving electricity or water, or climb a tree to rescue a cat? ZIP-A-DEE-DOO-DAH

Even if you don't have your superhero powers yet, we are all capable of extraordinary things. Whether it's an amazing act of kindness, unstoppable determination to complete a task or a mindboggling catch during the ball game. Heroes in stories often face challenges and find incredible ways to overcome difficult situations.

This activity will help you develop a brand new hero and tell their heroic story in your very own handmade comic! Swoooooosh! Bosh!

How to Enter the Superhero Competition

By completing the 'What makes your hero super?' activity and sharing your photos with us you will be entered into a draw to win one of TEN (10) prizes of National Book Tokens. Five (5) entries from schools will receive a £50 National Book Token to be used by the school; five (5) entries from families will receive a £10 National Book Token.

The competition will run from 11th October to 30th November 2021. Any entries received after the closing of the competition will be invalid and will not be entered into the competition. While children under the age of 18 can enter, the entry must be submitted by an adult and permission must be obtained from the parent or guardian prior to entry. Entries may be shared on Social Media and published on our Discovering Children's Books website.

Participants will need to share their creations on Twitter tagging "@BL_Learning", or by sending photos by email to childrens.books@bl.uk. You may need to use a tool like WeTransfer for large files.

Please **don't** share photos of children or personal details such as names.

For further information go to:

<https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/activities/what-makes-a-hero-super>

Parent Voice

Thank you to everyone who filled in our Parents Meeting Parent Voice Questionnaire. Out of our 66 replies, 64 parents were either happy or very happy with their child's progress.



Examples of comments regarding progress:

- ❖ Very happy with my child's progress he always seems to enjoy his school day and always tells me what he has done.
- ❖ Very happy with how confident my child is becoming. He is really enjoying all aspects of his school day.
- ❖ We are pleased with our daughter's progress in phonics. Her confidence has also developed exceptionally.
- ❖ Extremely proud of my daughter and her love and attitude towards learning. Keep pushing her to expand on her learning.
- ❖ I can really see a progression in writing particularly. Work and activities sent home seem to be well thought out.
- ❖ I'm really pleased, my child is very happy and always excited to go to school. It's lovely to see her progress so quickly, compared to progression before school. It's amazing to see how much she picks up, with the time to practice and teacher guidance.
- ❖ He has become a lot more positive regarding his reading and the spellings he is given are challenging. His knowledge about London and historical events has been lovely to hear about.

We intend to send out more questionnaires in the future for 'Parent voice' and Mrs Tearle will shortly be setting up a parent panel. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to know more about your child's progress then please use the class email address to contact your child's teacher.

School Governors

As advised in the email sent on 21st October we have a vacancy for a parent governor. We would very much like to appoint a Governor who has experience in any of the following areas; Fire, Health & Safety, Buildings & Maintenance, Procurement, Engineering, Human Resources, Law or Education and Literacy.



The timescale for this election is as follows:

- Nominations to be returned to school by the end of the school day on Wednesday, 10th November
- Ballot papers will be distributed on Monday, 15th November.
- Voting closes at the end of the school day on Monday 22nd November.
- Votes will be counted on Tuesday, 23rd November and results announced in that day.

Below is a letter to parents from our Chair of Governor, Adrian Marsh. If you have any queries, please email Adrian or the school office on admin@albrightonprimary.com

Dear Parents,

Although the number of Covid cases in our area remains high, I am delighted that Mrs Bratt and her team have been able to ensure that all of our children have returned safely to school at the beginning of the new school year and all of the evidence shows that children have made tremendous progress and are, once again, enjoying all aspects of school especially being with their friends and taking part in a very exciting curriculum.

On behalf of the governors, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the school and the way in which you have worked with the school to provide as little disruption as possible caused by the pandemic.

This leads me to ask, once again, whether you would be prepared to join us and become a member of the Governing Body. We have one vacancy. The work is very rewarding and extremely interesting and it means that you would have a role in deciding the future of the school. We are all looking forward to the exciting new projects that are currently being developed.

A recent monitoring exercise carried out by our school's adviser, who is also an OFSTED inspector, demonstrated that the school has outperformed the vast majority of primary schools in ensuring that children are on track to meet and even exceed the targets set them before the pandemic. It also showed how the new developments with the primary curriculum are meeting the new OFSTED framework standards. Most importantly, he saw happy children whose knowledge and skill base were of a very high standard because of their enjoyment of learning at the school.

We really would like to welcome a new parent governor to join this very successful team.

Current membership shows that we have a very wide range of experienced and skilled governors; all of whom can offer initial support for any new members. Training is also provided both in-house and by the Local Authority.

If you would like any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at the following address: marsh.a@albrighton-pri.shropshire.sch.uk

Many thanks
Adrian Marsh, Chairman of Governors

Information and Reminders

Zoom Club



Bookings for Zoom Club can be made using our paper booking form or our new online booking form <https://forms.office.com/r/81qNaTdqbK> . Booking forms are available from our website: [Albrighton Primary School and Nursery - Session Booking Forms](#)

Bookings for December must be sent to us by Friday 19th November, in order that we can ensure correct staffing for after half term.

Bookings are increasing and we are unable to guarantee that we will be able to accommodate late requests for places.

School Dinners

Vicky has created a new menu for the winter; see attached menus. Meals cost £2.40 per day for children in Nursery and KS2 (Years 3 to 6). Reception Rangers and KS1 (Y1 & Y2) are free.

School Uniform

A reminder to parents that all school uniform including PE kits and coats need to have your child's name in it. Our lost property collection is getting larger and we are unable to reunite items as they are not named.

It is part of our home school agreement that our school uniform policy is adhered to. There are increased cases of children wearing of nail varnish and jewellery and the size/colour of hair accessories, all of which are outside policy. We hope we can rely on your support in addressing this issue.

Home Learning

We are updating our home learning class pages in case your child needs to self -isolate. Work will be updated on a weekly basis. If you require any further support with this work, then please email your child's class teacher. Email addresses can also be found on the class page.

We have published a document that is on our website which gives details of resources to support reading and book related activities at home. It can be found at:

<https://www.albrightonprimary.com/homelearning/websites-and-resources>

Just click on the book worm picture for the latest document.

COVID 19 - LFT and PCR Tests

Lateral flow tests can be ordered online following this link and are usually delivered the next day.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

To book a PCR test follow this link <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>



Autumn 2021-2022 Menu - Week 1

Weeks Commencing: 01-Nov-21, 22-Nov-21, 13-Dec-21, 17-Jan-22 and 07-Feb-22


| | Marvellous Monday | Tasty Tuesday | Wicked Wednesday | Thrilling Thursday | Fruity Friday |
|----------|---|--|--|---|---|
| MAINS | Sausage Boat Pork or Veggie (v) Sausage in a Yorkshire Pudding Boat Gravy | Mac & Cheese (v) Or Chicken Curry & Rice Or Jacket Potato with Cheese (v), Beans (v) or Tuna | Roast Chicken Fillet Or Quorn fillet (v) Or Served with Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding | Gammon & Pineapple Or Cheese & Potato Pie (v) Or Cheese Toastie (v) | Pizza - Cheese & Tomato pizza (v) Or Chicken & Ham Pie topped with Mash Potato |
| SIDES | Creamed Potatoes Baby Carrots Peas | Wedge of Bread Roasted Vegetables Baked Beans | Roast Potatoes Creamed Potatoes Carrots Peas Sweet Potato & Leek Bake | New Potatoes Sweet Potato Waffles Mixed Vegetables (Broccoli, cauliflower, carrots) Baked Beans | Chips Sweetcorn Baked Beans |
| DESSERTS | Oatie Cookie Selection of Yogurts Fruit Salad | Strawberry or Banana Mousse Selection of Yogurts Fruit Salad | Lemon Sponge & Custard Selection of Yogurts Fruit Salad | Chocolate Orange Shortbread Selection of Yogurts Fruit Salad | Fruity Friday Frozen Desserts Selection of Yogurts Fruit Salad |
| SOUP | Tomato Soup & a Cheese Sandwich | Leek & Potato Soup with a Bread Roll | ----- | Vegetable Soup & a Ham Sandwich | Minestrone Soup with a Bread Roll |





Autumn 2021-2022 Menu - Week 2

Weeks Commencing: 08-Nov-21, 29-Nov-21, 03-Jan-22, 24-Jan-22 and 14-Feb-22

| | Marvellous Monday | Tasty Tuesday | Wicked Wednesday | Thrilling Thursday | Fruity Friday |
|----------|---|--|--|---|---|
| MAINS | Tuna Pasta Bake Or Pasta Neapolitan (v) Or Cheese Toastie (v) | I'm Stuffed (Soft tortilla boat, filled with your favourite from below) Pick your filling... - Chilli & Cheese - BBQ Chicken - Quorn Fajita (v) | Roast Beef/ Roast Chicken Or Quorn Fillet (v) Served with Gravy & a Yorkshire Pudding | Healthy Beef Grill Or Veggie Grill (v) Or Jacket Potato with Cheese (v), Beans (v), or Tuna | Pizza -Cheese & Tomato (v) Or Chicken & Mushroom Risotto |
| SIDES | Wedge of Bread Broccoli Baked Beans | Boiled Rice Peas/Sweetcorn Medley Baked Beans | Roast Potatoes Creamed Potatoes Carrot & Swede Mash Peas Broccoli | Potato Tots Traffic Light Peppers Baked Beans | Chips Sweetcorn Baked Beans |
| DESSERTS | Sultana Cookie Selection of Yogurts Fruit Salad | Jelly & Fruit Pots Selection of Yogurts Fruit Salad | Apple Crumble & Custard Selection of Yogurts Fruit Salad | Iced Rainbow Sponge Selection of Yogurts Fruit Salad | Fruity Friday Frozen Desserts Selection of Yogurts Fruit Salad  |
| SOUP | Tomato Soup & a Cheese Sandwich | Leek & Potato Soup with a Bread Roll | ----- | Vegetable Soup & a Ham Sandwich | Minestrone Soup with a Bread Roll |



Autumn 2021-2022 Menu - Week 3

Weeks Commencing: 15-Nov-21, 06-Dec-21, 10-Jan-22 and 31-Jan-22

| | Marvellous Monday | Tasty Tuesday | Wicked Wednesday | Thrilling Thursday | Fruity Friday |
|----------|---|---|---|--|---|
| MAINS | Pork Meatballs served with a Tomato Sauce or Gravy Or Quorn Meatballs served in a Tomato Sauce or Gravy (v) | Quorn dog! Quorn dippers served in a hot dog roll Choose your toppings - Cheese - Tomato Sauce - Coleslaw - Salad | Roast Chicken Fillet Or Quorn Fillet (v) Served with Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding | Selection of Breaded fish: Fishcake, Fish Fillet, Fish Finger Or Jacket Potato with Cheese (v), Beans (v), or Tuna | Pizza - Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v) Or Chicken Casserole served with a Bread Roll |
| SIDES | Penne Pasta Creamed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables (Broccoli, cauliflower, carrots) | Potato Wedges Mini Corn on the Cob Baked Beans BBQ Beans | Roast Potatoes Creamed Potatoes Carrots Peas Cabbage | Diced Potatoes Baked Peas Mushy Peas | Chips Sweetcorn Baked Beans |
| DESSERTS | Vanilla Cookie Selection of Yogurts Fruit Salad | Yogurt & Granola Cheese & Crackers Selection of Yogurts Fruit Salad | Apple & Sultana Pudding & Custard Selection of Yogurts Fruit Salad | Iced Bun Selection of Yogurts Fruit Salad | Fruity Friday Frozen Desserts Selection of Yogurts Fruit Salad  |
| SOUP | Tomato Soup & a Cheese Sandwich | Leek & Potato Soup with a Bread Roll | ----- | Vegetable Soup & a Ham Sandwich | Minestrone Soup with a Bread Roll |