





St Alban's Curriculum Newsletter
Year 6 Autumn Term 2024

Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that you have all kept safe and well and am delighted to welcome your children back to school. My aim this year is to work with you to ensure your child continues to make progress and is prepared for their SATs and secondary school transition. There will be an increase in homework to support this at home. To start this year, we will be assessing and revising Year 5 learning. It is essential that your child is in school on time every day for them to do their very best and achieve their full potential.

This letter is to let you know what your child will be learning across the curriculum over the next term and how you can support their learning.

Please remember the things your child needs every day so that they can take part in lessons:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Book bag with reading book	Book bag with reading book	Book bag with reading book	Book bag with reading book	Book bag with reading book
Mental Arithmetic Ope's Maths Group	Mental Arithmetic Ope's Maths Group	Home learning due	Mental Arithmetic Ope's Maths Group	Spelling test
Spellings set to learn at home to be tested on Friday	Indoor PE kit	Outdoor PE kit		New Home learning set on Google classroom -Arithmetic -Maths reasoning -Grammar -Reading
Class Spiritual Value: Peace		Peace What does it mean to be a peacemaker? How can you be a peacemaker? What can you do in times of conflict? How can you help others?		
Class Poet Our school focus this term is on poetry, both reading and performing. 		William Blake (28 November 1757 – 12 August 1827) was an English poet, painter, and printmaker. He was highly influential during The Industrial Revolution. His most famous work is "Songs of Innocence and Experience".   		

Homework: As well as a half term homework project, children will be given homework once a week. In Year 6 it is an expectation that all children do homework in order to keep up with topics covered in class. This also prepares them for Secondary School where they will receive a substantial amount of homework. You can help by providing them with a quiet time and space to do this. **If a child does not complete their home learning, they will be required to do so at lunchtime.**

Teaching starts at 8.45-9.00am every day.
If your child is late, they will miss out!

English

This year in literacy all the skills taught to the children will be through high quality texts. Children will study a text for a number of weeks during which they will examine characters and setting with great detail. They will have the opportunity to explore the text through drama and role play as well as then producing written responses to the text. Grammar, spelling and punctuation skills will also be taught within context and will be embedded within literacy lessons. One of the texts we will be covering this term are 'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness along with a unit on poetry.

Maths

This half term the children will be taught Numeracy through the national curriculum content, continuing to build on knowledge, skills and understanding from the previous year as well as revise any learning from Year 5 that isn't secure. We will start with place value before moving onto addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. I will be encouraging children to be fluent with their basic number facts. We will have a mental arithmetic focus every week. Soon we will start work on the Year 6 Multiplication Challenge so please help your child by practising these at home with them!

Science

We will be starting the year off by learning about living things. They will be classifying these in different ways.

History

Children will be learning about Civil Rights. They will learn about the history of these along with key individuals who have made advancements. In the second half term, we will be learning about the Industrial Revolution and the changes this brought to society. We will also be looking at modern issues surrounding this. Within this subject, they will apply their writing skills on a weekly basis.

RE

Children will be learning about the journey of life and death from the perspective of a Christian in RE. It would be great if they could bring in/send into school some photographs from significant events in their lives eg. Baby pictures

Computing

Children will be learning how to understand random, linear and binary searches.

Art and DT

In art, the children will be learning about different artists and their styles. They will produce their own pieces of work inspired by them.

PE

Children will be building on gymnastic skills learnt in previous years during Indoor PE. During Outdoor PE sessions, children will be learning how to play netball.

PSHE

We will use circle time, reflection and investigations to help the children to learn to be more self aware and will discuss how to manage feelings and how to make the right choices in common situations. We will also be learning about physical health and fitness.

French

Children will be building on prior knowledge to create phrases and engage in conversation. They will also be learning about Moroccan culture as part of intercultural understanding.

If you would like to discuss anything regarding the year ahead then please come along to our '**Meet the Teacher**' session in person on **Friday 13th September in the Year 6 classroom at 3.45-4.00**. I am looking forward to a successful year together!

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