


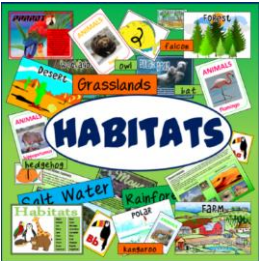


St Alban's C.E Primary School

Year 1 and 2 Autumn Term Information Letter 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I am so looking to teaching Year 1 and 2 this year. This letter gives you the key information you need for the coming term and guidance on how you can support your child with their learning. Please pay particular attention to the days your child is to bring their PE kits, their home learning and reading books to school. I read and change the children's reading records and books on Monday and Thursday. Please remind your child to bring them to school on these days.

Class Poet	Humanities and Science	Class Spiritual Value
 <p>Eleanor Farjeon Our class poet this year is Eleanor Farjeon. She was born in London in 1881 and wrote children's stories and poems. Her writing won many awards including Carnegie Medal and the Hans Christian Andersen medal. She is popularly remembered as author of the hymn 'Morning Has Broken'.</p> 	<p>We have an exciting and busy term ahead full of lots of learning, trips and events.</p> <p>In History, the children will create a personal timeline to sequence some of their life events (the focus being on holidays). Key Stage 1 use photographs and artefacts to compare and describe holidays in the present to those from the past. Identifying similarities and differences, children will discuss and describe the differences.</p>  <p>Our Science topic this term is living things and habitats. The children will learn about life processes and identify the characteristics of living things. Using this knowledge, they will classify</p> 	<p>Kindness</p>

things that are alive, were once alive or have never been alive. The class will identify a range of habitats and recognise how animals and plants depend on each other.



Art Week is at the beginning of October. We will celebrate the positive impact black artists have on art in Britain and around the world. The class will create artworks in the style of Bernard Hoyes. A Jamaican artist, he is famous for his colourful artworks and murals. Please do come to our Art Gallery in the hall on Friday 4th October.



October is Black History Month and the children are taking part in a workshop at the National Portrait Gallery to learn about Mary Seacole. Mary Seacole was a pioneering Jamaican-born nurse during the Crimean War who overcame racism and injustice to nurse soldiers.

Year 1 and 2 Learning Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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<p>Book bag</p> <p>Reading record and books handed in on arrival to school.</p> <p>PE kit</p> <p>Reading record and book handed in on arrival to school.</p>	<p>Book bag</p>	<p>Book bag</p> <p>PE Lesson</p> <p>Home learning handed in.</p>	<p>Book bag</p> <p>Reading Records and books handed in on arrival to school.</p> <p>Spelling test</p>	<p>Book bag</p> <p>Home learning sent out.</p> <p>Spelling list sent home.</p> <p>Take PE kit home</p>
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Ways in which you can support your child's learning:

- ❖ *Be on time every day for school!*
- ❖ *Make sure your child eats a good breakfast before they come to school or send them to breakfast club.*
- ❖ *Use growth mind-set language when you praise your child.*
- ❖ *Listen to your child read every day.*
- ❖ *Read to your child every day.*
- ❖ *Record your child's reading in their reading record every day.*
- ❖ *Support your child to complete a written response to their reading at least once a week.*
- ❖ *Support your child learning their spellings.*
- ❖ *Help your child learn number facts to support their mental maths.*
- ❖ *Help your child to learn their multiplication tables - ten minutes every day.*
- ❖ *Work with your child on their home-learning project each half term. This must be handed in during the first week of every half term.*
- ❖ *Good attendance at school is crucial for your child's academic progress and also their ability to make and maintain friendships with their peers at school.*

Year 1 and 2 curriculum map for this term on the school website and you can also find it on the Year 1 and 2 parent board. On **Monday 9th September at 3:45 - 4:00 pm**, there will be a meeting providing you with more information about Year 1 and 2. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. An appointment can be made via the school office.

Best wishes,

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