

St. Alban's Curriculum Newsletter
Year 3 Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents /Carers,

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your child's Year 3 teacher, Emily Walden.

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

Please remember the things your child needs every day:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Book bag with reading book + Reading Record + PE Kit	Book bag with reading book	Book bag with reading book SWIMMING kit Home Learning due in	Book bag with reading book + Reading Record	Book bag with reading book Home Learning sent home
Home reading: Please listen to your child read for 10 minutes every day . Also ensure they write a comment in their reading record to say what they have read.				

Homework:

Children will be set weekly Maths and English homework. The homework will be set on a Friday and due in on a Wednesday. As well as this, a termly project will be given and will be expected to be completed by the end of the half term holiday.

English:

The class will read Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura to inspire writing. Following this we will be reading Esio Trot by Roald Dahl. The children will develop their use of a range of sentence structures and will write for different purposes such as letters, diary entries and narratives. As this is the first term, there will be a particular focus on handwriting. The children will all be taught to use joined (cursive) handwriting. Children will be learning spelling patterns throughout the year and it is important that these are practised at home.

Maths:

We will begin by revisiting learning from Year 2 and developing the children's understanding of place value in 3 and 4 digit numbers. Year 3 will add and subtract numbers up to 1000. The children will learn the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Science: We will learn about the movement and nutrition of animals followed by the topic Forces and Magnets.

History: The children will learn about Prehistoric Britain in detail, starting with the Stone Age, before moving on to the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. Following this, we will learn about what life was like in Roman Britain.

RE: Our first topic is The Bible's Big Story. Following this, Year 3 will learn about important people during the season of Advent.

PE (including when your child will need their PE kits):

Children have PE on **Mondays** and **Wednesday** (Swimming). We will focus on ball skills and swimming this term.

Ways in which you can support your child's learning:

- Make sure they bring their P.E kits to school

- Hear them read or ask them about what they have been reading - children should be reading at home for at least 10 minutes a day, and writing about what they have read. In addition to this, please read to your child.
- Help them to practise their times tables. In Year 2, children learned their 2, 5 and 10 times tables - practise these with them at home so that they have rapid recall of the facts.
- Ensure that they arrive at school on time every day - they should be in class by 9.00
- Homework: Provide your children with the time, space and support the children need to complete their homework tasks.

I welcome any questions you have about your child's learning but it is helpful if you make an appointment to see me if you would like a longer chat with me.

Thank you for your support,

Emily Walden

Class Teacher for Year 3