



St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery



Weekly Newsletter

Remote Learning!



Friday 22nd January 2021

Dear God,
Help us to trust in Jesus like the first apostles
did.
Guide us to follow in His footsteps and His
teachings.
Let us be fishers of men too by spreading God's
love to everyone.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.





Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a great week and that you and your extended family are all keeping safe and well. It seems like no time at all since I wrote in the last newsletter. The days seem to come and go so fast, and so much is happening at St. Alban and St. Stephen, even whilst we are all in Tier 5.

I am very impressed with how well all of the children are managing both at home and at school. Together with other senior staff, I had the opportunity this week to speak with many parents in our 'keeping in touch' phone calls. It appears that you are all doing a super job supporting your children with their online learning—no easy feat! Parental feedback suggests the work set and daily interaction with teachers is working well at this point. However, I am well aware that home learning can be a struggle for some families. You and your family's well-being is of the utmost importance. If you are experiencing any difficulties with the home learning then please do not hesitate to contact us at the school. We will try to help in whatever way we can.

And so to another week of wonderful creativity and learning that we wish to share with you. A big virtual hug from me to all our boys and girls, at home or in school, who are just being absolute superstars during this challenging time. And of course, a big thank you to all the staff who have just been amazing in their respective roles. I wish you all a lovely weekend. Take care of one another and stay safe!

Mrs Moore

Headteacher

Here are some links you may find interesting:

[Coronavirus: wellbeing activity ideas for families](#)

[Mindfulness & Wellbeing Challenge Pack](#)

Remote Learning Nursery

We've been to Paris this week in Nursery! We've been building Eiffel Towers and tasting French food - there weren't many takers for the Brie! In phonics, the children were making disgusting soup and trying to make sure that the items began with the same letter. We had a banana, ball and bread soup! We learnt all about Kandinsky's love of shapes and made some art work using shapes. A fabulous week of learning all round!



Remote Learning Year 1



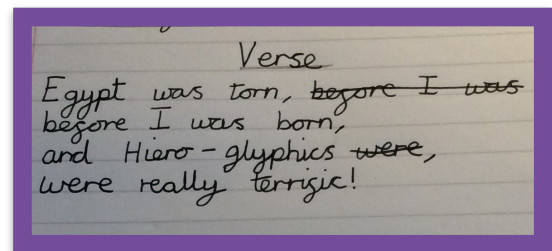
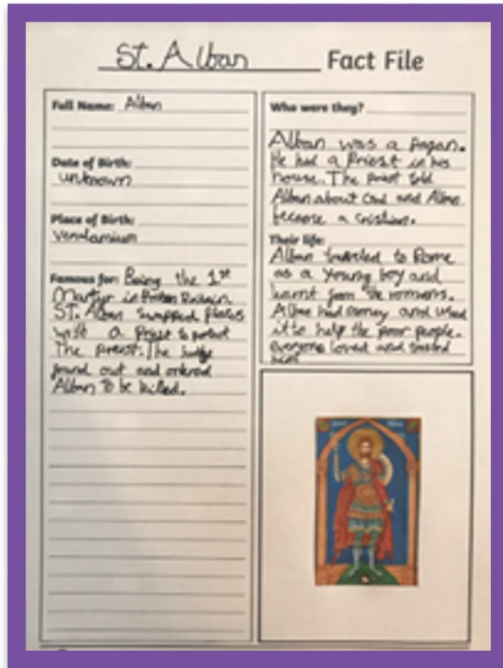
Year 1 have been keeping fit and healthy doing their warm ups and stretches with Mrs Bowen.

They have also been learning lots of fascinating facts about the polar regions. They made some lovely shaped penguins and even made their very own salty floating icebergs!!

In Art, they recreated the magnificent Northern Lights.



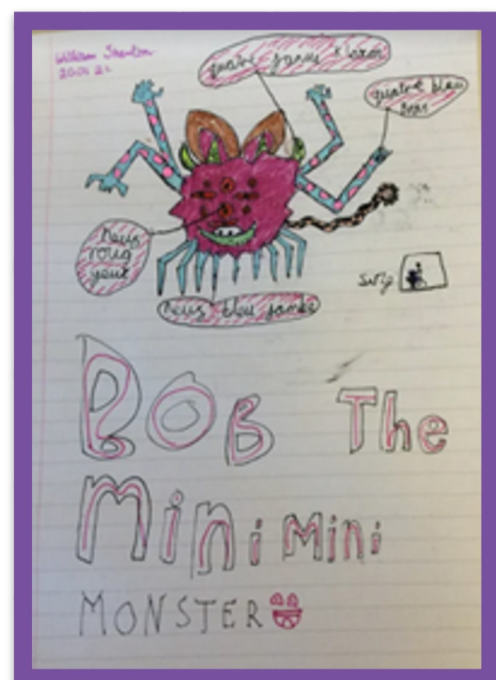
Remote Learning Year 3



In Year 3, the children have continued to learn about the Egyptians and made their own cartouches. In Music, with Mrs Flatt, they have been creating their own verses to their 'Amazing Egyptians' song. They have also done some fantastic performances!

Their focus in R.E. has been different saints. They wrote some great fact files about St Alban.

Finally, in French, with Mrs Betteley, the children have been creating their own monsters and labelling the body parts.



Remote Learning Year 5

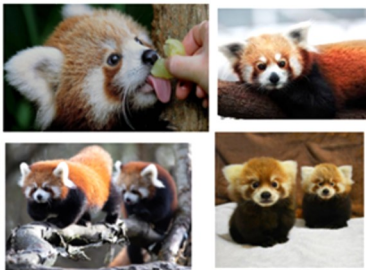
In PSHE, Year 5 have been thinking about their dream jobs and their goals and ambitions. They made some wonderful presentations about their hopes and dreams for the future.

As part of their Science topic on space, they have been learning about what life is like for an astronaut. They have also done some great research and written some fact files about the planets.

In their Music lessons, they have been looking at notation and rhythm.

How I fell in love with red panda's


I would love to work for red pandas because they look friendly and adorable. As soon as I saw a red panda on Animal Park (Longleat Zoo's animal programme), I knew I wanted to be a red panda keeper when I was older. I have spent countless hours looking up facts and pics of them. They are just the CUTEST ANIMAL!!! They are my BEST EVER, FAVOURITE ANIMAL!!



When you can see the International Space Station?

"The space station isn't bright enough to see during the day. It can only be seen when it is dawn or dusk at your location," NASA said.

What does it look like inside?



How do astronauts sleep, eat and go to the toilet?

Today, astronauts at the International Space Station poop into a little plate-sized toilethole, and a fan vacuum-sucks their excrement away. A separate funnel equipped with a fan suctions their pee away.

How can you apply to be an astronaut?

Applications must be submitted through the Office of Personnel Management's.

Use the grid below to work out your stick notation for each motif (the rhythm).

I	□	Z
Frog	tad - pole	Rest
Motif: Large venus. Boiling hot	Stick Notation: □ □ □ □ □	
Motif: Floating up high in space	Stick Notation: □ □ □ □ □	
Motif: Purring foot	Stick Notation: □ □ □ □ □	
Motif: Waiting to be found	Stick Notation: □ □ □ □ □	

Write up and label the planets. Do this first then write on surrounding facts you have learnt about the planet in the boxes. Take care that all the facts are about the same thing. Use number of moons.

<p>name of planet: Mercury</p> <p>fact: It was named after a Roman god.</p> <p>fact: A sign of messengers.</p>	<p>name of planet: Earth</p> <p>fact: This is the only planet in the solar system which holds life.</p>	<p>name of planet: Jupiter</p> <p>fact: Its days are only about 10 hours. Cows are 24.</p>	<p>name of planet: Uranus</p> <p>fact: It has 27 moons. Venus has 2.</p>
<p>name of planet: Venus</p> <p>fact: It has the hottest atmosphere after the sun.</p> <p>fact: The atmosphere is made of CO₂.</p>	<p>name of planet: Mars</p> <p>fact: This planet has many craters, lakes and storms.</p>	<p>name of planet: Saturn</p> <p>fact: Saturn has 10356 moons in a year! Wow</p>	<p>name of planet: Neptune</p> <p>fact: Neptune has 60190 moons in years! Double wow</p>



Themed Day

As you will have seen from Tapestry and Google Classroom, the children have been studying some fantastic History, Geography and Science topics. Ordinarily, we may have had some themed days in school connected with these so on Thursday 11th February, your child's learning will be on a particular theme. The children may even be asked to dress up and there will be lots of fun activities all day. Your teachers will be in contact soon to let you know the details. We hope the children both in school and at home have a great day!



School Closure

Just a reminder that the school will be closed as planned for staff INSET on **Friday 12th February**. The school will also remain closed throughout the half term holiday to all children. We will await further instruction from the Government about full school reopening. The school in the meantime will reopen as before to all key worker and vulnerable children on Monday 22nd February.

Contact with staff

Please can we remind you that all emails to teachers must go through the school office email : admin@ssas.herts.sch.uk Please refrain from emailing teachers directly.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

God bless and stay safe.

Mrs Moore and all the staff of SSAS.