



St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Weekly Newsletter



Thinking about Advent in
Year 3



Friday 27th November 2020

Advent

Lord our God,
We praise you for your son, Jesus.

He is Emmanuel,
the hope of all people,
the Saviour of every nation.

Let your light shine upon us
and everyone.

May this light be a sign of
Christ's promise.

AMEN



A great week in Year 4!

This week, in Year 4 we have been reading Varjak Paw and using our reading skills to analyse the text to help us with our descriptive writing! We have also created some wonderful art inspired by the illustrations in the book.

In Religion, we have been learning about the importance of Jesus and how God gave us the gift of love and friendship in the form of Jesus Christ. We have written thank you letters to God, thanking him for all he has given us and for allowing us to live the lives that we are so grateful to have.

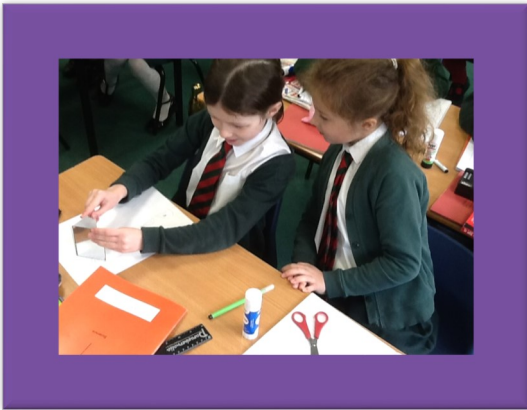
In Science this half term, we have been learning about the different states of matter. Year 4 have created some fantastic posters about the different states of matter and even completed an experiment comparing different materials!

In Geography, we discussed the different types of settlements and where we would like to live. We also discussed where our families are from. "I would like to live in a rural area because I like the greenery and it is a very quiet place to live. I also like the countryside as it is very beautiful and there are lots of animals there."



Busy Bees in Year 3

This week Year 3 explored reflection as part of our Science topic. We looked at lines of symmetry and used mirrors to reflect lines at an angle to make triangles.



In Religion, we have started our Advent unit of work, and have been thinking about visitors. We talked about visitors to our home and school, how we feel when we have visitors and how we prepare. As part of our preparation for Christmas, we then made our Advent pledges. We will be joining our holly leaves together to make a wreath for our display.



For the past month, we have been working hard in English, developing our writing skills. We looked at The True Story of the Three Little Pigs and got inspired by this twist on a traditional tale so we wrote some newspaper reports. We have learnt how to use direct speech and to include eye-witness accounts to add depth to our reports. What amazing writing!

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2021

Parents and guardians for those due to celebrate their First Holy Communion (Year 3 and above) and Confirmation (Year 10 and above) next year are invited to register.

This year the parish are asking everyone to register online. Please go to the 'Sacraments' tab of the parish website and click on either 'First Communion' or 'Confirmation' where you will find the relevant registration point. Please note that if your son or daughter was a part of last year's programme but has yet to receive Holy Communion or be Confirmed, there is no need to register again.

<https://www.albanstephen.org/sacraments/>

Well done Samuel

Congratulations on Samuel's great achievement in a national writing competition recently. He didn't win, but his story made the top ten in his category (Key Stage 2), and we are so proud of him! He saw the competition, wanted to enter it, wrote the story entirely by himself (500 words), and we thought it was great, but it was even better that it was recognised by an unbiased third party! His story has been published via a link on this page:

https://www.explorelearning.co.uk/blog/explore-learning-writers-awards-2020-winners/?utm_campaign=ELWA%202020&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=100378723&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8W6fgib6x5lmaAkNGhTzmmmeRif6LI0ENn2MAF6Te2IRzvVMbNb6srn4wIjvKjhMly4J9_vDqcrq8wW-xGBHwVlow&utm_content=100378723&utm_source=hs

Dear Nursery Parents & Carers,

We would like to invite you to join us at one of our
Virtual Open Mornings which will be held on
Tuesday 8th December and Tuesday 15th December
at 9.30 am.

Please email the school office at admin@ssas.herts.sch.uk if
you are interested, giving the date that you would like to
attend and the year group that you will be applying for.

Further information about our school can be found by
browsing our website <http://www.ssas.herts.sch.uk>

Best wishes,

Mrs Moore & Mrs Porter



IMPORTANT NOTICE

From Monday 30th November we request that all parents or carers wear a face covering/mask when dropping off and collecting each day. All staff at the gates will also wear a face covering/mask. Please bear in mind that some adults are unable to wear face coverings due to a range of medical conditions, which may not be apparent.

Thank you to all the parents or carers that have ensured there is only one adult dropping off and collecting each child/family. Please show consideration for other parents and carers at these times by maintaining a safe distance from each other. Please ensure that you leave as soon as you have dropped off or collected your child. This helps with social distancing and also helps with car congestion.

There are some cars being left outside of the school grounds over the morning. Please can we ask that you move your car as soon as you drop your children off. This will enable other parents to use this space when they drop their children to school.

We appreciate that for many parents this is an anxious time but we ask for your continued patience and your trust that the school is working hard to do the very best we can to keep our pupils, staff and parents safe, in challenging times.

All of the above is being put into place to help to keep to our school open and our wider community safe. Regardless of your personal views, please support the school and staff by respecting these new requirements.

Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

God bless.

Mrs Moore, Mrs Porter, and all the staff of SSAS.