

Important dates for the Autumn Term:

With the current COVID situation, all dates are subject to change. Please keep an eye on your emails for any announcements.

Tuesday 29th September - 4.30pm – Virtual Parents' Welcome Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday 21st October – School closed for parent consultations throughout the day

Week beginning 10th May 2021 – SATs week

How can I help at home?

- ✓ Please practise all times tables in random order. Children should have instant recall.
- ✓ Please encourage your child to use Times Tables Rockstars.
- ✓ All children should be reading regularly, both to themselves and to an adult. Please write a comment the reading record if your child has read.
- ✓ Ensure your child reads a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts, and records these in their Reading Records.
- ✓ Full PE kit should be in school at all times.
- ✓ All equipment should be clearly labelled.
- ✓ Spelling sheets are due in every Friday.
- ✓ Four pieces from the homework grid should be completed by October half term. Please ensure that at least one from each column is completed.

Ss Alban and Stephen Catholic Primary School



Year 6 Parent Information Booklet

What your child will be learning about this term and how you can help at home

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English

This term we will be reading and sharing a class novel: *The London Eye Mystery*. We will practise our comprehension skills throughout the topic and will be writing in a variety of styles linked to our text.

Later in the term, the children will read the book *Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastical World Around You* and explore different styles of writing, including non-chronological reports, within this unit.

Throughout the term, the children will have SPaG lessons in order to assist with their writing, spelling and to prepare them for the end-of-year SPaG tests.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Children should read a variety of books regularly. It benefits the child to read to an adult and to hear adults read to them and to ask questions about the characters, intentions and plot to extend their learning. Please write in reading records when you have heard them read. Spellings should be practised throughout the week and written in sentences to improve understanding in context.

Maths

Starting the term, we will focus on numbers to 10 000 000 and the importance of place value. We will revise the four operations on whole numbers, including multiplying and dividing by two digits then solving word problems. We will simplify, compare, order and apply the four operations to fractions. Later, children will multiply and divide decimals and relate these to fractions.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Please ensure your children practice all their times tables up to 12, in random order. Quick recall is essential to help them focus on the problem rather than simple calculation. The children still have access to Times Tables Rockstars and the logins will be reissued soon.

R.E.

Loving: Children will consider the meaning of loving in their own contexts relating this to God's unconditional love.

Vocation & Commitment: We will develop understanding of commitment in life and learn about the vocation to the priesthood and religious life.

Advent: We will further explore the meaning of expectation informed by beliefs and values.

Judaism: The children will learn about festivals such as Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

Geography

Coasts

We will look at coastal resorts around the UK, thinking about their location and the physical geographical features. We will then compare these areas to St. Albans, thinking about the pros and cons of each area and how and why they differ.

History

We will study the history of St Albans Cathedral and the development and changes since 1066.

Art

The children will create art based on the class novel, *The London Eye Mystery*, using pencil and other media. Year 6 will also design original characters as part of our work in English on *Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastical World Around You*. Throughout the term, children will select from a variety of media to create their compositions.

Science

Light: We will be considering how light travels in a straight line, can be reflected or refracted, investigate how we see colours, and consider how shadows are formed.

Electricity: Children will explain the importance of major discoveries in electricity, observe and explain the effects of differing volts in a circuit.

PE

This term, the children will be doing athletics, with a focus on technique to improve performance. They will also play cricket and tennis, demonstrating control and accuracy with the equipment and thinking about strategy in these games.

Mrs Bowen will be teaching the athletics unit on Mondays.

Please ensure that the children have full PE kits in every day.

Music

Year 6 will be combining and organising musical ideas using ternary form and performing with control and rhythmic accuracy.

Mrs Flatt will be teaching music on Mondays.

Computing

Children will consider different aspects of E-safety throughout the first half of the Autumn term before moving onto thinking about programming using Scratch and other programming languages.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Please be mindful of the T&Cs of social media services – none of these allow under 13s to sign up.

French

We will discuss what we understand by language and the ways in which we communicate. We will revise where French is spoken across the globe and think about what it means to be Francophone. We will revise how to introduce ourselves in French and talk about where we live and our family. We will learn how to express likes and dislikes in the context of hobbies, and then school subjects.

Mrs Betteley will be teaching French on Wednesdays.