

Important dates for the Summer Term:

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

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.
- ✓ Please ensure your child reads a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts, and records these in their Reading Records.
- ✓ Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school at all times.
- ✓ All equipment should be clearly labelled.
- ✓ Spelling sheets are due in every Friday.
- ✓ A homework grid, with instructions, will be issued. The children are expected to complete this homework and hand it in on Google Classroom.
- ✓ Please encourage your children to be as independent as possible, particularly with regard to their equipment and property in preparation for secondary school.
- ✓ As of the beginning of this term, children are allowed in school in polo shirts and shorts, but they must still be wearing appropriate black shoes.

St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery



Year 6 Parent Information Booklet

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

Summer Term 2021

English

We will be reading the novel *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell in class and building up to writing an adventure story of our own. After this, we will be developing the children's stamina and style through a variety of genres, with a focus on non-fiction writing. We are also planning to consolidate the technical aspects of the children's writing before they go to secondary school.

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. Spellings should be practised throughout the week and written in sentences to improve understanding in context.

Maths

Throughout the term, we are going to consolidate all the previous knowledge that we have worked on to ensure that we are filling gaps that may have resulted from lockdown. We will also introduce ratio and basic algebra as new topics.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Please ensure your children practise all their times tables to 12 times, 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.

R.E.

Witnesses: Children will find out what it means to be a Witness and how Pentecost helped to shape the church going forward after Jesus's resurrection.

Judaism: Learning about Rosh Hashanah

Reconciliation: We will understand what it means to forgive through Jesus and how we can live in forgiveness and peace. If possible, the children will take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Common Good: We will understand what it means to work together and how we can work towards the common good, thinking about issues of fairness and justice in the world today, with a focus on the work of CAFOD.

Geography

Disasters

We will study the structure of the Earth and how this can cause natural disasters, thinking about the impact on the environment and about how humans are affected.

The Olympics

With a focus on the delayed Tokyo 2020 Olympics, we will learn about countries taking part, pulling together all our geographical knowledge as we do so.

Art and D&T

To tie in with our topics, the children will create their own model volcano from a variety of materials. We will also study the works of Hokusai, a Japanese artist, trying to create our own works in his style. Throughout the term, children will select from a variety of media to create their compositions.

Science

Over lockdown, we started some work on our Evolution and Inheritance and Micro-organisms topics. We will be continuing these topics throughout the term.

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 looking at the history of music and analyzing how music has changed. They will also be learning and performing the songs for their end of year production. Mrs Flatt will be teaching music on Mondays.

Computing

We will consolidate our knowledge of coding so far and apply this to creating spreadsheets using Microsoft Excel.

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 revise food and drink items and visit a virtual café! We will role-play ordering and buying snacks, thinking about the register of the language we use and the need to pay with euros rather than pounds. We will reinforce the verb, aller – to go, and learn different Francophone countries by thinking about different places we could visit to use our French language to buy a snack.

We will also visit a virtual supermarket and learn key items of food and how to buy different quantities of them.

Mrs Betteley will be teaching French on Wednesdays.