

St Alban & St Stephen  
Catholic Primary School &  
Nursery

**Welcome to Year 6**



# Our School Prayer

## Morning Prayer

Dear God,  
Bless all the children and staff in our school.  
Bless all our loving parents, our school community  
and parishioners.  
Let us follow the shining examples of St Alban and  
St Stephen.  
Help us to be the best that we can be and guide us  
as we stay connected to you and Jesus in all that  
we do.  
As a school, we are learning and growing with God  
by our side.  
Amen.

# Senior Leadership Team



Mrs C Moore  
Headteacher



Mrs B Murphy  
SENDCO & Assistant  
Headteacher



Mrs A Porter  
Assistant Headteacher

# Year 6 Staff



Mrs Smith  
6S - Class Teacher and  
Phase Leader



Ms Noonan  
6N - Class teacher



Mrs Earl  
Year 6 Teaching Assistants

Mrs Earl will work across both classes.

# Other staff members

- ▶ P.E, Music and French will be covered by specialist teachers.



Mrs H Bowen  
P.E Specialist



Mrs Z Flatt  
Music Specialist



Mrs K Betteley  
French Specialist

# Drop off and Pick Up

The doors open at 8.45am. There is a soft start to the day and when the children arrive they start their SODA (Start of Day Activity) before lessons begin. Phase leaders will be available to speak to.

Please help your child settle by allowing them to come in to the classroom independently. They enter via the fire exit door of each classroom.

School finishes at 3.20pm.

## Lunches

We use the 'Pupil Choice' system for lunch. Each child chooses their lunch at the beginning of the day

Red: Meat/Fish option

Green: Vegetarian option

Blue: Jacket Potato

Alternatively, your child can bring in their own packed lunch.

# School Stationery

Children should have a pencil case containing:

- A pencil and sharpener
- 2 spare pencils
- A rubber
- Colouring pencils and felt tips
- A glue stick
- A ruler - 30cm
- A purple pen

Please ask your child to tell you when they need replacements.

Just ONE simple pencil case - not too bulky please.

# Uniform and PE Kits

Please ensure all items of clothing are

CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

- Children need to have correct PE Kit in school for their PE days. Our PE days are Monday and Friday.
- They are allowed trainers for outdoor PE and should have a track suit in school for outside PE, during the winter months.
- This should be in a dark colour - black, navy blue or dark green.
- No jewellery or nail varnish should be worn. Hair should be tied up everyday.
- P.E kits to be brought in on Mondays and kept in school until Fridays.



# Grace Before Meals

Bless us O God  
As we sit together  
Bless the food we eat today  
Bless the hands that made  
the food  
Bless us O God  
*Amen*

# Going Home Prayer

God our Father, I come to say  
Thank you for your love today

Thank you for my family  
For all the friends you give to  
me

Guard me in the dark of night  
And in the morning send your  
light

*Amen*

# R.E.: Come and See

## Autumn Term

Domestic Church - Loving

Baptism/Confirmation - Vocation and Commitment

Judaism - Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur

Advent/Christmas: Expectations

## Spring Term

Local Church - Sources

Eucharist - Unit

Lent/Easter - Death & New Life

## Summer Term

Pentecost - Witnesses

Sikhism

Reconciliation/Anointing of the sick - Healing

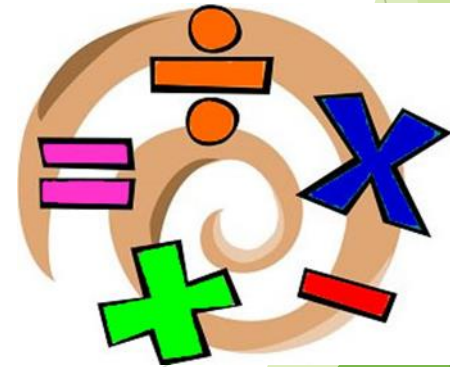
Universal Church - Common Good

# Maths in Year 6

- Numbers up to 10 million.
- The four operations on whole numbers
- Fractions, decimals
- Measurement
- Percentages, ratios
- Algebra - patterns, formulae, solving equations
- Area and perimeter
- Volume
- Geometry
- Position and movement
- Graphs and averages
- Negative numbers
- Solving word problems
- Explaining their reasoning

# How to help with Maths!

- Maths games - (dice games, card games, online etc.)
- Practise Times Table Rock Stars
- Play MyMaths games
- Practise times tables and mental maths regularly
- Cooking and baking
- Telling the time
- Problem solving at the shops



# English in Year 6

## Writing

- Writing is teacher assessed at the end of the year, in conjunction with other schools. The assessment follows the framework set out by the DfE.
- There is emphasis on handwriting and presentation of work. Children's handwriting needs to be fluent and cursive. They are required to use black ink.
- Reading
- It is still just as important for the children to read regularly. They need to think about challenging themselves in what they read. Please encourage them to read across a variety of genres and text types, including non-fiction.
- The SATs focus on comprehension of a text and are known for including higher-level vocabulary.
- Reading records have been given out and will be checked regularly.

# How to help your child with Reading

- By encouraging a variety of strategies to decode words e.g. using the sounds of letters.
- By asking your child about what has happened in the story so far.
- By asking them to make predictions about what will happen.
- By reading a variety of texts of different genres and authors.
- By discussing the text: I wonder...? Why...? What...? How...? Who...?
- By reading less accessible texts to them/together and discussing them

*Even when the children become free readers they still need to read aloud to an adult regularly and to hear adults reading aloud to them.*

## **SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)**

- **Technical accuracy when spelling, punctuating and composing writing is extremely important in Year 6.**
- **The expectations in terms of grammar and punctuation are considerably higher than in previous years.**
- **Children will be expected to use a higher level of punctuation within their writing, including hyphens, colons and semi-colons, as well as parentheses (dashes, commas and brackets). Children should be using basic sentence punctuation (full stops and capital letters) at all times!**
- **The children should be able to spell all the words from the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 spelling lists, as well as using their knowledge of spelling patterns, word families and etymology.**

**We will send out a SPaG glossary explaining all the terms in due course.**



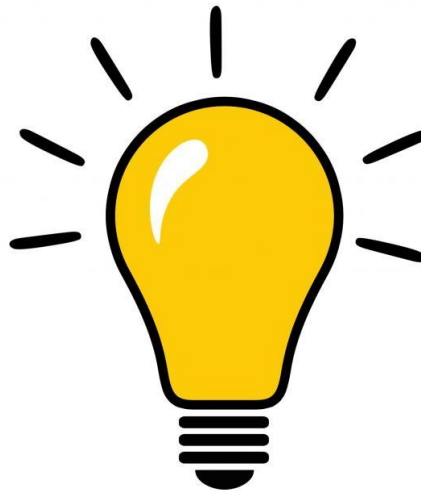
## SATs

**We expect SATs will go ahead in May of 2022. There will be a parent meeting nearer the time.**

**CGP SATs packs will be available to buy from school, during the Autumn Term.**

# Science Topics

- Electricity
- Living things and their habitats
- Light
- Animals including humans
- Evolution and inheritance (for the whole of the summer term)



# History/Geography Topics



**Our  
Changing  
World -  
Coastlines  
and land use**

**Plague, Pox  
and  
Antibiotics**

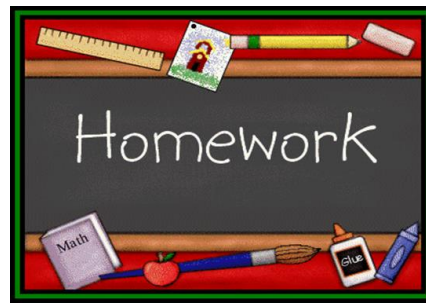
**The  
Americas**

**Walls and  
Barricades**

**Extreme  
Earth/  
Extreme  
issues**

**St Albans  
Cathedral  
and the Clock  
Tower**





- On Wednesday new spellings will be given via Google Classroom. Maths homework will also be set on a Wednesday either via MyMaths or Google Classroom.
- The spellings and maths homework are due by the following Monday morning. The children will have their spelling and dictation test on a Tuesday.
- All children should read for 20 minutes a day.
- Additionally, children will receive a homework grid each half term from which they must complete 4 pieces of homework, including an RE piece, before the half term holiday.

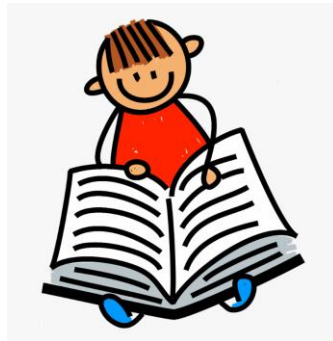
# Reading Books

Children should bring their reading books and records home every afternoon and return them to school every morning.

Your child will be sent home with 2 books. 1 book at their level and a further challenge book at the higher level, from our school library.

When a child finishes their book they should speak to their teacher or the Teaching Assistant first thing in the morning so that they can change their book.

Reading Records must be signed by an adult to acknowledge their reading, before their books can be changed in school.



# Our School Library

Miss McIntyre is our school librarian, and the children will visit our school library once a week. Year 6 will have the opportunity to apply to become Library Assistants to promote a love of reading and help Mrs McIntyre in various ways.

Miss McIntyre also works closely with all the class teachers to source interesting and engaging topic related books so the children can really enjoy, read and research about fun and exciting subjects.

Miss McIntyre will also be inviting authors in to visit the children to really ignite and inspire a love and passion for reading.



Miss K McIntyre  
School Librarian

## How to help with English!

- Keeping a diary, writing stories, making comic strips!
- Reading a range of books (fiction and non-fiction) together and discussing texts
- Keeping a book of new vocabulary
- Playing spelling games



# Parent Helpers

The support of parents is of enormous benefit to the children and we warmly welcome it.

With Covid restrictions easing, we can now invite parent volunteers back to help in school. If you are interested in becoming one, please notify the office and further information will follow.

*(Please note that in line with Hertfordshire County Council, all parents working in school will be asked to apply for police clearance.)*





# Communication

Your child's well being is of the utmost importance to us. If at any time you are worried or concerned about your child, please speak to us as soon as possible. Always make contact first with the class teacher who will endeavour to rectify any problems.

We have a red 'Home Liaison' book which is for you to use as a link book between parent and teacher.

# Residential Trip

## The Isle of Wight

We are really looking forward to our residential trip!

There will be a meeting regarding this trip for parents at 6pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September.



# Any Questions?

If you have any questions, please email the office:

[admin@ssas.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ssas.herts.sch.uk)

We will try to get back to you as soon as possible.

**Thank you!!**



We hope that you found  
this information useful, we  
are very much looking forward  
to getting to know your  
families and children in Year 6  
God bless.