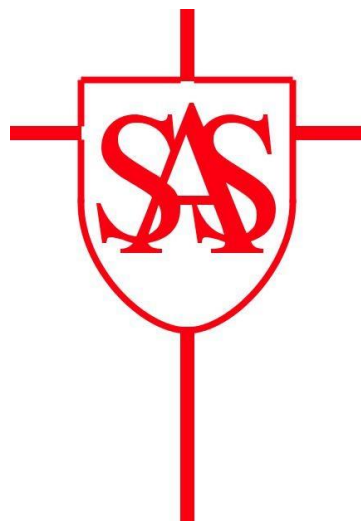


St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Welcome to Year 4



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 4 Staff



4C - Ms Cowan
Class Teacher
Phase Leader



4M - Ms Mannering
Class Teacher



Mrs Bates
Class Teacher



Mrs Walker
Year 4 Teaching
Assistant

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 8.40. Please enter via the gate on Camp Road. When the children arrive they start SODA (Start of Day Activity) before lessons begin. This is an essential part of their learning so a prompt start is beneficial

School finishes at 3.20pm and children are collected from the gate on Camp Road.

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

Jacket Potato with various toppings

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

The menu is available to view on the school website.

School Stationery

Children should have a small pencil case containing:

- **Black ink handwriting pen - not biros or roller balls**
- **Pencils and a sharpener**
- **An eraser**
- **A named glue stick**
- **A ruler - 30 cm**
- **A purple pen**
- **Colouring pencils**

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

Uniform

Please ensure all items of clothing are
CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

Black school shoes must be worn - no trainers.

Long hair must be tied up with simple black, green or red ties.

Jewellery - children may only wear simple stud earrings and a silent watch or Fitbit.

Appropriate outer wear must be provided as children play outside.

School caps (logo) are required for hot weather and trips.

PE Kits

Please ensure all items of clothing are
CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

- Plain white T shirt (with or without school logos but no other logos)
- Red Shorts
- Plain Trainers with non-marking soles
- Optional for cold weather - Plain dark tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt for outdoor use, i.e. black, navy, or green without logos
- Red drawstring bag (clearly labelled)



Long hair must be tied up and all jewellery removed including watches and Fitbits.

R.E: Come and See



Autumn Term

People - The family of God in scripture

Called - Confirmation: a call to witness

Judaism- The Torah

Gift- God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus

Year 4 will make their 1st Holy Communion in November this year.

Spring Term

Community- Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish.

Giving & Receiving- Living in communion

Self Discipline - Celebrating growth to new life

Summer Term

New Life - To hear and live the Easter message

Sikhism - The Sikh holy book - Guru Ganath Sahib

Building Bridges - Building bridges in friendship

God's People - Ordinary people who do extraordinary things

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

Science Topics

- Living Things and Their Habitats
- States of Matter
- Sound
- Animals Including Humans
- Electricity



History Topics

- Roman Britain
- Great British Monarchs
- Anglo-Saxons and Picts



Geography Topics

- Amazonia
- Our European Neighbours
- World Kitchen





Maths homework in Year 4 is set on 'My Maths' Wednesday weekly and is due in on Monday. Children will be given their individual log-ins for online Maths learning.

Times table Rock stars should be practised regularly.

Spellings are given out on Wednesday and tested on Tuesday.

All children should read and discuss their text for a minimum of 10 minutes a day.

The children are also given a Home Learning grid of topic based activities at the start of each term. We ask that they complete at least three pieces across the whole term:

- One R.E.

- Two other pieces of their choice.

Useful websites to enrich learning:

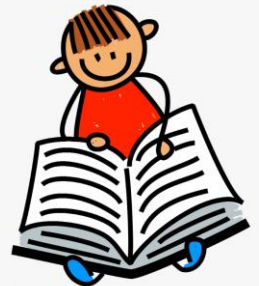
- ▶ BBC Bitesize
- ▶ Times Tables rock stars
- ▶ My Maths
- ▶ National Geographic Kids

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 should be completed and signed regularly by an adult, with comments regarding discussions about the text.



How to help your child with Reading

- Encourage a variety of strategies to decode words e.g. using the sounds of letters.
- Ask your child about what has happened in the story so far.
- Ask them to make predictions about what will happen.
- Read a variety of texts of different genres and authors.
- Discuss the text: I wonder...? Why...? What...? How...? Who...?
- Read more advanced texts to them/together and discuss them

Confident readers still need to read aloud to an adult regularly and to hear adults reading aloud to them.

Our School Library

Mrs Mc Intyre is our school librarian.

The children will visit our school library once a week.

Mrs Mc Intyre 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.

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



Mrs K Mc Intyre
School Librarian

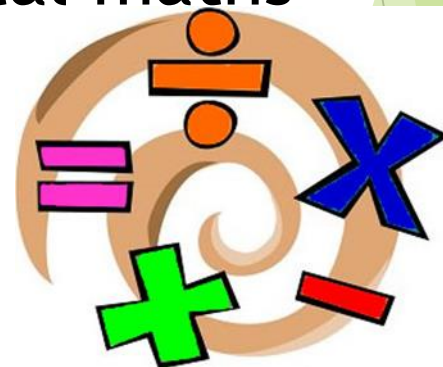
How to help with English!

- Keeping a diary, write stories, make comic strips
- Reading a range of books together and discussing texts
- Keeping a book of new vocabulary
- Spelling games
- Put subtitles on when you are watching television



How to help with Maths!

- Maths games - (dice games, card games, BBC Bitesize)
- Practise Times Table Rockstars/ Numbots.
- Play My Maths games
- Practise times tables and mental maths regularly
- Cooking and baking
- Telling the time
- Problem solving at the shops



Parent Helpers

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

After 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 or make a note in the communication book.

Always make contact first with the class teacher who will endeavour to rectify any problems.

Thank you!!

We hope that you found
this information useful and
are really looking forward to
getting to know your children
and your families in Year 4
God bless.

