

Important dates for the Autumn Term:

All dates are to be confirmed. Please keep an eye on your emails for any announcements.

Tuesday 12th September 9.05am – Year 6 Parents' Welcome Meeting
Monday 18th September – Friday 22nd September – Isle of Wight Residential School Trip
Friday 29th September - Non-school uniform Day to support PTA
Saturday 30th September – Autumn Fair
Friday 6th October (circa 12pm-3.30pm) – Crucial Crew Visit
Friday 13th October 9.15am – Year 6 Curriculum Assembly
Thursday 19th October 1pm-7pm – Parents Consultations 1pm-7pm
Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October – Half Term
Thursday 16th November – Individual school photographs
Thursday 21st December – End of Term. School closes at 1.30pm
Friday 22nd December – Occasional Day (no school)

How can I help at home?

- ✓ Please practise all times tables in random order. Children should have instant recall of all times tables from 1-12x.
- ✓ Please encourage your child to use Times Tables Rock Stars.
- ✓ All children should be reading regularly, both to themselves and to an adult, for at least 20 minutes a night. Please write a comment in your child's Reading Record about what they have read and learned.
- ✓ Please ensure your child reads a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts, and record these in their Reading Records.
- ✓ Please ensure that your child has their full, labelled PE kit in school at all times.
- ✓ All equipment must be clearly labelled.
- ✓ Spellings are sent home on a Wednesday to be tested the following Tuesday
- ✓ A homework grid, with instructions, will be issued per term. 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 regards 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



Learning and Growing with God by our Side

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

We will begin the term with the period narrative *Cogheart* by Peter Bunzl. The children will finish the unit by writing a narrative adventure. The children will complete this unit by writing contrasting diary entries before and after a significant event for the character.

After the Half Term, we will be reading *Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastical World Around You* by Holly Black, concluding our unit by writing a non-chronological report. Finally, we will conclude the Autumn term by reading an abbreviated version of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, writing a narrative ghost story based on this stimulus.

Within lessons, we will explore various grammatical features and will develop an ongoing word bank to broaden our vocabulary.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Children should regularly read a variety of books, and both read to an adult and hear adults read to them. It is also helpful 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

This term the children will consolidate their knowledge and understanding of the basics. They will look at the topics:

Place value, multiplying & dividing by 10, 100, 1000, solving problems with 4 operations, equivalent fractions, comparing & ordering fractions, adding & subtracting fractions, fractions & decimal equivalents, calculating percentages, formal written method for multiplication, area of triangles & parallelograms, formal written method for short division and properties of shape.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Please ensure your child practises all their times tables to 12, in random order. Quick recall is essential to help them focus on the problem rather than simple calculation. Please encourage your child to use Times Tables Rock Stars.

R.E.

Loving: Children will consider the meaning of loving in their own contexts relating this to God's unconditional love. We will answer the Big Question *Do you have to earn love?*

Vocation & Commitment: We will develop understanding of commitment in life and learn about the vocation to the priesthood and religious life. We will answer the Big Question *What is commitment in life?*

Judaism: We will learn about Judaism, particularly Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

Expectations (Advent): We will learn about how Jesus born to show God to the world. We will answer the Big Question *Should we have expectations in life?*

Geography & History

Autumn 1: Our Changing World: Coastlines

We will learn how to describe and understand physical features of coastlines, as well as how they are formed, how they are eroded and what we can do to protect them.

We will link this to our Eco-theme of 'Respect for God's Creation', and we will answer the Big Question *How and why are our coasts changing?*

Autumn 2: Benin

The children will learn about what empires are and answer the Big Question *How do empires rise and fall?* Throughout the unit, the children will study what ancient Benin was like and contrast this with British history.

Art and D&T

Autumn 1: Coastal artwork. The children will link their artwork to their Isle of Wight trip. They will use 2-point perspective to sketch a coastal scene and will use watercolours to paint it. We will also look at the mouth-painter artist Antonio Davis and his landscape paintings. **Autumn 2: Art in the Kingdom of Benin.** Linked to our history work, the children will look at the art and sculptures of ancient Benin, and will make clay plaques and sculptures inspired by this art of Benin. **Design and Technology:** We will extend our Autumn 2 science unit and will create electrical hand games.

Science

Autumn 1: Living things and their habitats: The children will describe how living things are classified and give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics. **Autumn 2: Electricity:** Children will explain the importance of major discoveries in electricity, observe and explain the effects of differing volts in a circuit, and conduct an investigation.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Children may enjoy visiting the Science Museum or the library to extend their learning about light and electricity. Encourage your child to read non-fiction books related to their current unit of work.

PE

This term, the children will be doing netball and football and will learn skills involving passing, shooting, keeping possession and maneuvering.

Music

Year 6 will be studying the topics Rhythm and Pulse and learning to sing with increasing control and confidence with accurate breathing and pitch control.

Computing

We will learn about programming with our unit: An Intro to Python. We will also learn about E-Safety. 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

This term, the children will develop their French phonics, and cover the topic 'Manger et bouger'. In the second half of the term, the children will have lessons linked to WWII.