

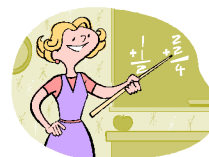
Mrs Muldoon's Class

Dear Parent/ Guardian,



I hope you all had a relaxing holiday, but as the new school year begins once again, I would like to take this opportunity to say welcome back! It's wonderful to see the children looking so smart and eager on their return! This letter is simply to give you a bit of information about some of the topics your child will be looking at over the next term, along with some more general information. Hopefully it will be of some help to you!

This year we are lucky enough to have Mrs Squires, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Wells working in our class supporting the children's learning. They will split their time between the three classes in upper key stage 2.



Homework will continue as of last year. Learning Logs will be handed out on a **Wednesday** and will be due back on **Monday**. It is requested that the children attempt all the work set to the best of their ability and return their logs on the correct day.

Children as always have access to the Junior Library and will choose a reading book that they should take home each night and bring to school each day. Their book can be changed on a Monday morning when Mrs Wells will carry out Library Time. After they have finished a book, they will be asked to fill in a short book review. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home, sometimes aloud, as this often happens less and less as the children get older! Practising times tables regularly at home will also help your child with their Maths work in school.



While the school happily provides the children with the resources they need for their work, there are a few resources that your child may wish to bring for themselves. In upper Key Stage 2, the children are allowed to begin using a **handwriting** pen for some of their work, however they are not permitted to use a ballpoint or a roller ball pen. Pencils, sharpeners, rubbers and rulers are provided for the children to use, however they are welcome to bring their own. We do ask the children to treat the resources provided by the school with respect, as unfortunately this does not always happen and we do not have a limitless supply!

We encourage the children to drink water at school and they have access to clean beakers in the classroom. However, it would be really useful if your child could bring with them a refillable water bottle labelled with their name (preferably with a sports top to avoid spillages!)





Our PE session will be on a Tuesday afternoon, the children are requested to bring their kits in at the start of every half term. This should consist of a white T-shirt and a pair of shorts, pumps for our indoor sessions and trainers for outdoor PE. Please ensure that every part of your child's uniform is clearly labelled! Boys are not permitted to wear football kits during school P.E. lessons, nor should they be wearing them underneath their school uniform.

Children in year 5 will still be going swimming up until Christmas, this will be happening first thing on Monday mornings.

Topics for the Term:

Topic: The children will be learning about life in Victorian times and in particular what life was like for children living during this era.

Literacy: This term we will be looking particularly at Literature set in Victorian times, linking in with our History topic. We will be learning about poetic style and play scripts and will also be looking at argument texts.

Science: Our Science work this term will focus around Changing Circuits, Changing Sounds and finally Reversible and Irreversible Changes.

ICT: In our ICT work this term we will be looking at Data Handling. We will be creating and searching databases and will be using data loggers to measure levels of light and sound. The children will also be contributing to an additional school website, which will be launched soon.

R.E: In our RE topics this term we will be talking about ourselves. We will be looking at friendships and finally at preparations, during the advent season.

PE: Games and gymnastics. Swimming for the year 5s.

Art: We will be sketching Portraits and will look at the work of William Morris and other Victorian artists.

Music: We are going to be learning how to play brass instruments!

Design Technology: The children will be designing and creating Victorian samplers.



I hope this letter has been of some help and I look forward to meeting you at Parents Evening later on in the term. If at any time you have any queries or concerns please contact me as it is vital that we work together to ensure that the children's time at St Alban's is a successful experience.

I look forward to a very positive year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Muldoon