



Dear Parent/ Guardian

Welcome to the School's New Year. It's great to have the children back eager to learn. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and welcome your child into our class. I am sure you are aware the work and expectations are as always very high, especially as your child is now in Key Stage 2.

This year Mrs Macquisten and Mrs Beckwith will be working alongside our class on set days to support different groups of children. Mrs Haynes will also be in the classroom every day. I will be out of the classroom on a Thursday morning and the children will be taught by Mrs Wright and a local dance teacher.

### Year 3/4 Autumn Term Curriculum Overview

<p><b>R.E. - Our 'Here I Am' topics are:</b> Homes and Families, Judaism, Signs and Symbols and Visitors. Our class will be leading the whole school liturgy on ..... Please come along at 10:15am.</p>	<p><b>ICT- Digital Research and E-safety:</b> The children will use ICT software and will understand the importance of internet safety.</p>
<p><b>Topic- Invaders and Settlers:</b> This topic gives pupils the opportunity to explore many areas of the curriculum whilst developing knowledge of people and happenings from the past. It is hoped that the topic will be engaging for boys and girls; providing an interesting theme for creative writing, research and other key skills.</p>	
<p><b>Science - Teeth and Eating and Keeping Warm</b></p>	<p><b>P.E. -</b> This term, year 3 will participate in multi-skills for invasion games on a Wednesday afternoon. It is essential that the children have their PE kit on this day. In addition to this, the whole class will participate in a <b>dance</b> session on a Thursday morning.</p> <p>The children are expected to bring their PE kits into school at the beginning of each half term, taking them home every holiday to be washed. Please ensure 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.</p>
<p><b>Art -</b> This will link to our topic.</p>	<p>The children are expected to bring their PE kits into school at the beginning of each half term, taking them home every holiday to be washed. Please ensure 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.</p>
<p><b>Literacy-</b> This term our units of work include: <b>Stories with historical settings, information texts and poetry.</b> These lessons will link to the Invaders and Settlers topic.</p>	

We encourage the children to drink water at school. Please ensure that your child has a refillable bottle (preferably with a sports top) clearly labelled with their name.

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 your child attempts **all** work set and returns it by the due date.

Children will be allowed to choose a reading book from the library that can be changed on a weekly basis. Please encourage your child to read regularly to an adult at home and to have their reading records signed. Reading records will be checked on a daily basis in school.

As a school we are concerned about **some** children's lack of respect for school property. It has been noted that **some** children have doodled on the front of their books, carelessly lost pens and pencils, and find it amusing to break rulers and mirrors. The school happily provides each child with these resources, but our stock is not limitless. I have informed the children that if loss or breakage occurs they must make a small monetary contribution towards the cost of a second or subsequent resource or provide their own from home. I hope that you will support me in this matter, so that the children learn to be responsible for their belongings. (New pencils and pens will be given freely if they are too short or have run out)

I would like to invite parents to volunteer to hear readers etc in Lower Key Stage 2. We tend not to see as many parents coming into school, and this is a real shame. If there are any other areas you are interested in and would like to volunteer please don't hesitate in getting in touch.

I look forward to meeting you at Parents Evening later in the term. I hope I have covered any questions you may have about this term. Above all I want your child to be happy and to enjoy coming to school. If at any time you have any queries or concerns please make an appointment to see me - it is vital that we work together to ensure that the children's time at St Alban's is a fun, memorable and successful experience.

I look forward to a successful and positive year with Year 3.

Yours sincerely

Miss Gadsby