



Dear Parent/ Guardian

As I am new to the school, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all. I have been appointed this year to cover Mrs Sims whilst she is away on maternity leave. As a newly qualified teacher, I am particularly looking forward to this new term, with year 5 and 6, at St Alban's. I would like to inform with you the overview for this autumn term. As I am sure you are aware the work and expectations are, as always, very high especially with the children who are currently in year 6.

### Year 5/6 Autumn Term Curriculum Overview

<p><b>R.E. Our 'Here I Am' topics are:</b> Homes and families, Signs and Symbols, visitors and Judaism. We will also be holding our class liturgy on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December. Please look out for any changes in the school newsletter.</p>	<p><b>ICT- Data Handling</b> This will give the children an opportunity to research our Victorian topic further and record information using data bases and spreadsheets.</p>
<p><b>Topic- The Victorians</b> The children will be learning about the Victorian period focussing children's experiences in the Victorian times and also, how our locality has changed from the Victorian era. This will cover aspects from both history and geography. At the end of this unit, we are hoping to recreate the Victorian experience in our own classroom! Details to follow!</p>	
<p><b>Science -</b> <b>Changing Circuits, Changing Sounds and Reversible and Irreversible changes.</b> Mrs Squires will be helping with our science lessons on Friday afternoons. Where we are aiming to provide a range of practical, hands- on, experiences.</p>	<p><b>P.E.</b> This term we are very lucky as a PE specialist will be working with the Year 5/6 classes, in rotation, on a Thursday afternoon. We will also have <b>Net and Ball games</b> on a Wednesday afternoon, where we will be focusing on Netball related skills then, moving into <b>gymnastics</b> towards Christmas. 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>Maths-</b> In our maths lessons we will be focusing on place value, classifying shapes, data handling, multiplication and division as well as ensuring we are confident with mental methods. We will also be working on</p>	<p><b>Literacy-</b> This term our units of work include: Narrative texts, plays and scripts, poetry and non-fiction texts where we will be concentrating on our use of</p>

a problem solving challenge every Thursday as part of 'Big Maths.'	constructive argument.
<b>Design Technology-</b> We will be looking at 'moving toys' which will link in to our Victorian topic.	<b>Music-</b> A music specialist will be working with the children on Tuesday mornings to teach the children how to play a brass instrument. The year 5s and 6s will go at separate times to allow the year 6 children build on their learning from last year.

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.

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. Additional homework may be given if necessary, particularly if work is not completed in class. Please encourage your child to read often (sometimes aloud) and practise mental maths calculations regularly (especially times tables).

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 first term with Year 5 and 6.

Yours sincerely

Miss Ruston