



Dear Parents/ Guardians

Welcome back to a new school year, I hope you had a lovely summer holiday. This newsletter is to update you on our topics for the coming term and to give a few reminders of routines.

Year 5 Autumn Term Curriculum Overview

<p>R.E. Our 'Here I Am' topics are: Homes and Families, Signs and Symbols and Visitors. We will also study Judaism. We will be holding our class mass, and class liturgy please look out for the date on the school newsletter.</p>	<p>ICT- Data Bases This will be linked to our topic work on Victorians and will enable the children to be able to access historical documents such as the 1891 census.</p>
<p>Topic- Victorians The children will be learning about the significant events during the Victorians age. We will also be holding a Victorians day - get your costumes ready! This topic will cover both History and Geography. Our art work will be based on important Victorian artists.</p>	
<p>Science - Changing Circuits, Sound and Reversible and irreversible changes. Mrs Squires will be working with us in these lessons on Wednesdays.</p>	<p>P.E. (Thursday and Friday) This term, we will be learning the skills involved in "invasion games" which will enable the children to apply them to team sports such as football, tag rugby, hockey and netball. We will be also studying gymnastics after half term.</p>
<p>Maths- In our maths lessons we will be focusing on place value, calculations, shapes and data handling. We will have a weekly investigation lesson where the children will complete more open ended tasks</p>	<p>Literacy- This term our units of work include: Short Stories including detective fiction, Arguments and Discussion based on the subject of Graffiti and poetry, including "poetic devices" such as metaphor, simile and personification.</p>
<p>Design Technology- Our D&T work will be based around 'Moving Toys and will be linked to our topic work on Victorians.</p>	<p>Music- We will be continuing with our brass instruments.</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 term, 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).

The class look really smart in their uniforms. Can I remind you that it is school policy that children with long hair have it fully tied back at all times with a blue or dark hair tie. Jewellery should not be worn. If children have stud earrings they must be able to remove them themselves for P.E.

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. Open evening this term will be Thursday 20th October, further details to follow. However if you have any queries before then please speak to me or contact the school to make an appointment to see me. If I am made aware of any difficulties I will always endeavour to find a solution.

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 term with Year 5.

Yours sincerely

Mr Monaghan