

Dear Parent/ Guardian

Spring Term 2012

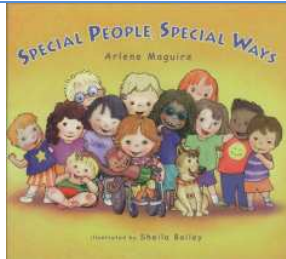
It's great to have the children back eager to learn. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the children and the school. I hope you all had a merry Christmas and are refreshed and ready for the new year. The children now are aware of the expectations of them and I'm sure they will continue to make us all proud as they move past the half way mark of this school year in this spring term.



Mrs Macquisten and Mrs Beckwith will continue their work alongside our class on set days to support different groups of children. 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 Spring term Curriculum Overview

R.E. - Our 'Here I Am' topics are:
Celebrations, thanks giving and self giving



ICT- Control and modelling:
The children will use ICT software and will understand the uses of simulations and data modelling



Topic- Weather and our world and beyond: This topic gives pupils the opportunity to explore many areas of the curriculum whilst developing knowledge of weather around the world and various climates. After half term the children will look at our planet and space for example how the earth's rotation affects how we get days, years etc

Science - friction.
What is friction does it help or hinder?



Art - This will link to our topic.



P.E. - This term, year 3 will participate in multi-skills for invasion games on a Tuesday 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 **dance** session on a Thursday morning. 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. Year 4 children will also begin their swimming lessons on Tuesday afternoons this term, please ensure that children have swimming caps (if they have long hair), goggles if needed and their swimming kit on Tuesdays.



Literacy- This term our units of work include: **nonfiction texts such as reports and recounts** as well as **stories set in imaginary worlds**. These lessons will link to the weather and space topic.



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 often (sometimes aloud) and to support their numeracy skills, practise mental maths calculations regularly (especially times tables).

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 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 2012 with Year 3/4.

Yours sincerely

Mr Blurton