

St. Alban's Curriculum Newsletter for Year 3

Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parents /Carers,

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your child's Year 3 teacher, Emily Walden. This letter is to let you know what your child will be learning across the curriculum over the next term and how you can help enhance their learning.

Please remember the things your child needs every day:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Book bag with reading book + Reading Record	Book bag with reading book + PE Kit	Book bag with reading book Home Learning due in	Book bag with reading book + Reading Record	Book bag with reading book + PE Kit Home Learning sent home

Home reading: Please either hear your child read for 10 minutes a day, or read to them. Either way, please make sure they fill in their reading record to say what they have read every day.

Homework:

Children will be set weekly Maths and English homework. The homework will be set on a Friday and due in on a Wednesday. As well as this, a termly project will be given and will be expected to be completed by the end of the half term holiday.

English:

We will be reading *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward followed by *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown. We will be aiming to help the children write with a range of types of sentences for different purposes such as letters, diary entries and narratives. We will be doing lots of work on reading, spelling and handwriting this term in Year 3, aiming for all children to be using joined (cursive) handwriting.

Maths:

We will begin by recapping some work from Year 2, and looking at larger numbers up to 1,000. We will look at the place value and then move on to addition and subtraction of numbers up to 1000 followed by multiplication and division where we will be learning our 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Science: We will be looking at Food and Digestion followed by Electricity and Circuits.

History: We will be looking at how Children's lives have changed since the Tudor times followed by How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain?

RE: Our first topic will be 'How did belief in God affect the actions of people from the Old Testament?' followed by 'Is the Christmas message of peace still relevant in today's world?'

PE (including when your child will need their PE kits):

Children will have PE on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. We will be focusing on gymnastics and net and wall games.

Ways in which you can support your child's learning:

- Make sure they bring their **P.E kits** to school
- Hear them **read** or **ask them about** what they have been reading - children should be reading at home for at least 10 minutes a day, and writing about what they have read. It is also fine if you read aloud to your child.
- **Help them to practise their times tables.** In Year 2, children learned their 2, 5 and 10 times tables - practise these with them where possible.
- **Ensure** that they arrive at school **on time every day** - they should be in class by **9.00am**
- **Homework:** Provide your children with the time, space and support the children need to complete their homework tasks.

I welcome any questions you have about your child's learning but it is helpful if you make an appointment to see me if you would like a longer chat with me.

Thank you for your support,

Emily Walden

Class Teacher for Year 3 and Year 4