

# St. Alban's Curriculum Newsletter for Year 5

## Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please remember the things your child needs every day so that they can take part in lessons:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Book bag with reading book + PE KIT	Book bag with reading book + PE KIT	Book bag with reading book + Home Learning & Reading Record returned	Book bag with reading book +	Book bag with reading book + Home Learning set and sent home.

Home reading: Children must read 15 - 20 minutes a day and answer the VIPER questions at the front of their reading record. Their reading records will be checked weekly.

### Home Learning:

Children's home learning task will be sent home every Friday and will be due in on the following Wednesday. As well as this, a termly project will be handed out and will be expected to be completed by the end of the half term holiday. You can help by providing them with a quiet time and space to do this.

**English:** This half term, we are studying a picture book called *The Rabbits*, a brilliant book that deals with the theme of colonisation and its impact on the environment. In Spring 2, we study 'No Ballet Shoes in Syria' and will be writing in a range of genres in response to the text including a detailed narrative. Children will continue to practise spelling rules learnt from the previous term as well as the year 5 statutory words.

**Maths:** Children will learn how to multiply up to 4 digits by 2-digit number using formal written methods. Children will then focus on short division including remainders. To the end of the term we will be reviewing and deepening their understanding of fractions, percentages and decimals. We explore making links and understanding what the decimal point represents. Children will begin to look at area and perimeter. This will incorporate looking at polygons and compound shapes to deepen their understanding of calculations. Towards the end of term, we focus on statistics which will involve interpreting data and drawing their own graphs.

**RE:** Through our topic 'Sikhism', children will gain an understanding of how Sikh's practices are influenced by the teachings of the Guru and the importance of equality. Through our topic 'What happens in church at Easter?', we explore the significance of Holy Week in the lead up to Easter.

**Science:** This term we will be focusing on forces and Space and explore life cycles and reproduction within plants and animals. Children will begin to understand the similarities and differences of reproduction between different living things. Children will learn about the orbits of celestial bodies in the Solar System and name the force that keeps them in their orbits. They will also describe the orbit of the Moon around the Earth and its phases.

**Geography:** We will be exploring what life is like in the Alps. They will research physical and human characteristics in the Alps and collect data through completing surveys and mapping routes.

**History:** We will be exploring and understanding how The Ancient Greeks have an impact on society in the modern world. We will explore democracy, government and the importance of Greek Gods.

**Computing:** The children will be working as architects and cryptographers, designing virtual art galleries through the use of software that allows 3D modelling of buildings, culminating in creating a virtual tour of their gallery. We will introduce the concept of codes within computing and how these translate to security within the internet.

**Music:** In music, we will explore 'How does music improve our world?' and 'How does music shape our way of life?' where we will be introducing chords and looking at how music teaches us about our community.

**PSHE:** Children will begin to explore and understand budgets, migration and health. Then we move onto discuss being safe and understanding stereotypes.

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

PE lessons will take place on Monday and Tuesdays. Children will continue to develop team building skills through invasion games along with net and wall activities .

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to come and see me. An appointment can be made via the school office.

Thank you for your support,  
Brian, Year 5 Class Teacher