

St Alban's Curriculum Letter Year 6 Spring Term 2026

Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely break. It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school and they have settled in well. This term, my aim is to work closely with you to ensure that your child continues to make strong progress, feels confident and prepared for the upcoming SATs and the transition to secondary school. To support this, there will be an increase in homework to help consolidate learning at home.

Consistent attendance is vital at this stage of the year. Please ensure your child attends school every day and arrives on time so they can fully benefit from all learning opportunities and achieve their full potential.

Teaching starts at 8.45-9.00am every day.
If your child is late, they will miss out!

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

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Book bag with reading book PE kit in | Book bag with reading book PE kit in | Book bag with reading book Home learning due | Book bag with reading book | Book bag with reading book Spelling test New Home learning sent home -Arithmetic -Maths reasoning -Grammar -Reading |
| Spiritual Value: Compassion | | <p>Compassion</p> <p>Who is the kindest person you know, and why?</p> <p>Why is it important to be compassionate, even when it's difficult?</p> <p>Are you happy with how you treat others? What could you do better?</p> <p>How can we make our school or community a more compassionate place?</p> | | |
| Class Poet | | <p>Joseph Rudyard Kipling was an English journalist, novelist, poet and short-story writer. He was born in British India, which inspired much of his work. Kipling's works of fiction include the Jungle Book, which made him very famous. This term, we are going to read and analyse his poem 'The Way Through the Woods'.</p> | | |
| Our school focus this term is on Kipling's poetry, both reading and performing. | | | | |

English

This half term text is 'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian. Children will study this text for a number of weeks. They will have the opportunity to explore the text through drama and role play as well as then producing written responses to the text. In this unit, children will write for a range of purposes including writing a setting and character description, recount and explanation text.

We will continue to revise previously taught Key Stage 2 grammar and punctuation alongside Year 6 objectives in preparation for SPAG SATs paper.

Maths

This half term in Maths the revision programme will start and we will be focusing on all aspects of maths including number, algebra, fractions/decimals/percentages, shape, data handling and problem solving. Once again, the aim of this is to support children in preparing for SATs in Maths and to support them to gain the skills required for secondary school. Each week, children will have a mental maths focus to prepare them for their arithmetic SATs paper. We will continue to work on reasoning skills, particularly multistep problems in a range of contexts.

Science

We will start the year off by learning about Charles Darwin and the Theory of Evolution and Inheritance.

Geography

Children will participate in fieldwork and learn to carry out a fieldwork enquiry. They will also collect, analyse and present data.

RE

This half term, pupils will explore Buddhism and Buddhist beliefs about the causes of suffering. They will study the Noble Eightfold Path and consider how it may guide a Buddhist in daily life.

Computing

Children will learn about online safety and online media.

Art and DT

In DT, the children will be learning about how to design and create their own waistcoats.

PE

Children will build on prior learning to develop throwing and catching skills in a game situation.

PSHE

We will use circle time, reflection and investigations to help the children to learn to be more self aware and will discuss how to manage feelings and how to make the right choices in common situations. We will also be learning about salaries, homelessness and managing feelings. The class will also review Rights Respecting Schools lessons.

French

Children will be building on prior knowledge to create phrases and engage in conversation about our classroom.

Homework: As well as a half term homework project, children will be given homework once a week. In Year 6 it is an expectation that all children do homework in order to keep up with topics covered in class. This also prepares them for Secondary School where they will receive a substantial amount of homework. You can help by providing them with a quiet time and space to do this. **If a child does not complete their home learning, they will complete it at lunchtime.** We do provide a Homework Club every Thursday at lunchtime. This is to support any child to complete their homework within the school day.

Thank you so much for your continued support. I look forward to discussing your child's progress at Parent's Evening.

Martina Szaz,
Year 6 Class Teacher