

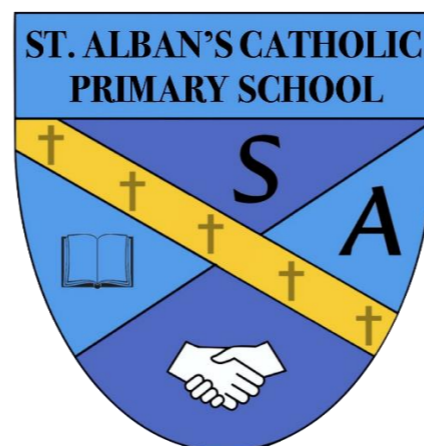
Phonics and English

Phonics - We continue our work in our phonics groups. Each group will cover a range of fun reading and writing activities matched to their ability.

Language and Literacy – For children who have now completed the phonics scheme, we are focusing on writing. We are including description, varying how our sentences start and self-editing work.

Guided reading – We continue to enjoy our group reading sessions. We are working on predicting what might happen next, being able to find answers in the text as well as thinking about why characters might behave in certain ways.

Year 2 – Summer 2



Maths

We will recap learning from throughout the year and spend time making sure we are confident with the basic skills of addition and subtraction. We will be learning about measuring length and height as well as mass, capacity and temperature. In statistics, we will be gathering information and using this to create different types of charts and graphs.

Science

This half term in science our topic is plants. We will be finding out what plants need to grow and stay healthy, and that plants grow from seeds and bulbs. We will even have a go at growing some of our own.

At Home

It is really important for children to continue to read a variety of texts, regularly at home to help improve fluency and comprehension. If your child is reading Read Write Inc. books, please practise any vocabulary checks in the front of the book and use the Q and A section at the back. It is also incredibly important to practise times tables regularly! There are many maths games on Top Marks and phonics games on Phonics Play.

PE

We will be taking part in athletics activities, including jumping, sprinting and throwing. This is great practise for our school Sports Day. We are also excited to have an introductory swimming session.

Computers

This half term, we will be completing our coding topic using Scratch and Turtle, incorporating sound into our instructions (algorithms). We will then create simple animations. We will also be using the computers to input data and create charts for our work in mathematics.

RE

Other Faiths: Islam - We will learn about Islamic prayer rituals and look at Muslims' special place of worship and design a prayer mat.

Reconciliation - We will talk about how rules can help at home and in school. We will then link this to the reasons for rules in the Christian family.

History

The Great Fires of London and of Gateshead and Newcastle - We will look at the historical facts of why both fires happened and what changed because of the Great Fires. We have borrowed a box of artefacts from the museum service with lots of interesting artefacts from the Victorian period. We will use these to find out as much as possible about what it would have been like at the time of the fires.

Important dates/ information

Introductory Swimming Session – Date to be confirmed, permission letters to be returned to school

Whole School Mass for St Alban's Day Wednesday 21st June
Sports Day – afternoon of Friday 23rd June

School Trip – KS1 Beach Trip Friday 14th July (We will need parent helpers to be able to go on this trip – Please get in touch with the office if you are able to help out)

Design & Technology

We will have great fun investigating different vehicles before getting creative and designing, making and evaluating our own vehicles. We will learn all about wheels, axles and chassis and how they are combined to make the framework of the vehicle, as well as how to create an eye-catching body. Save your egg boxes, kitchen roll tubes and cereal boxes please to send to school.

Music

Music to make you dance - In this unit, we ask 'How Does Music Make Us Happy?' We will enjoy listening to, singing, finding the beat and bopping along to a wide variety of music that makes us want us dance.

PHSE/RSE

Last but definitely not least, we are continuing our work on kindness and working together to be a **great Year 2 team!**