

## Phonics and English

**Phonics** – We will work in small groups in our phonics sessions, learning to read and spell three new sounds a week. In our groups we will read books matched to our reading ability and also complete writing activities based on our reading.

**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.

## Science

**Animals including Humans** - We will begin by looking at animal young and comparing them to their adults. We will look at how animals change as they grow up and be introduced to their life cycles. Children are introduced to the three basic needs of animals for survival (water, food and air).

## Computers

**Basic Skills** - We will revise basic skills. We will be using our own logins and passwords when logging on to the computers. We will revise how to load a variety of programs as well as saving our work and logging off correctly.

## Important dates/ information

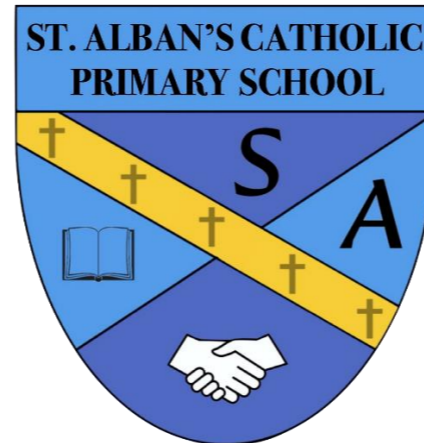
School Photos will be taken on the Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September

If your child has a photo of their baptism – please send them in or you can email them to [office@stalbansnewcastle.co.uk](mailto:office@stalbansnewcastle.co.uk)

Spellings will go home from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and should be returned the following Monday

Homework will go home on a Friday and should be returned on Wednesday

# Year 2 – Autumn 1



## At Home

It is really important for children 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. Maths games are a really good way to have fun with numbers. Play bingo, chant in 2s, 5s and 10s and practise some quick and easy calculations. There are many maths games on Top Marks and phonics games on Phonics Play.

## RE

**Domestic Church: Family** – We will think about the many beginnings each day offers. We will read the creation story and discuss how God is present in every beginning.

**Baptism** – We will think about signs and symbols that are familiar to us, We will learn about signs and symbols used in Baptism.

## Art

**Drawing and Exploring** - Our first learning block this half term is Art and we are focussing on drawing skills. We will focus on observational drawing combined with experimental mark making. We will be looking at artists as collectors and explorers and we will make our own collections of natural objects to use in our own artwork.

## Maths

**Place Value** - We start the year with lots of number work (place value). We will be reading and writing numbers to 100 in numerals and in words.

**Shape** - We will also learn the names of some 2D and 3D names and describe what they look like.

## PE

**Fitness** - In this first unit we will take part in a range of activities to develop agility, balance, co-ordination, speed and stamina. The children will be given the opportunity to work independently and with others to develop perseverance and show determination to work for longer periods of time.

## History

**The Gunpowder Plot** – We are heading way back to 1605 to explore the the key events and people involved in the Gunpowder Plot. We will be asking lots of questions about why it happened and think about the impact it had. We will be finding out about Guy Fawkes and about how the day is remembered still today.

## Music

**Hands, Feet, Heart** – This unit will focus on South African Music, We will enjoy listening to, singing, finding the beat and bopping along to a wide variety of different styles of South African music that will make us want us dance.

## PHSE/RSE

We are making sure we are off to a great start by talking through our school and class rules and working together to be a great Year 2 team!