



St Alban's

Catholic Voluntary Academy

Key Stage 1 Newsletter

Advent Term 2025/6



Welcome to Our Key Stage 1 Newsletter!

We've had a fantastic start to the year, and it's been such a joy getting to know all the children in Key Stage 1. The energy, enthusiasm, and curiosity they've brought into the classroom have made the first few weeks truly special. We're really looking forward to all the exciting learning ahead as we continue through the rest of this half-term – and beyond! Thank you for your continued support; we can't wait to see what the rest of the year holds for our wonderful KS1 learners.

Warm regards,
The Key Stage 1 Team



This term, we will be learning...

Our topic driver this term:

The Great Fire of London



RE

Our topic this half-term is The Creation to Covenant.

- To know how God created the world.
- To understand the bible in two parts: the Old and New Testament.
- To know the first book of the Old Testament is Genesis.

English

We will read:

- Toby and the Great Fire of London
- A range of poetry linked to the GFoL

We will be writing:

- A recount of our GFoL WOW day
- An information leaflet about the GFoL.
- Descriptive poem
- Diary entry

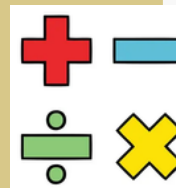
Grammar focuses:

- Rainbow grammar- Subject, Predicate, Full stop.
- Capital letters and finger spaces



Maths

This term, we are learning about:



Year 1
Weeks 1-4

Unit 1 – Numbers to 10
Unit 2 – Partitioning within 10
Week 5-7
Units 3 and 4 – addition and subtraction within 10

Year 2
Weeks 1-4

Unit 1 – Numbers to 100
Weeks 5-7
Unit 2 – addition and subtraction

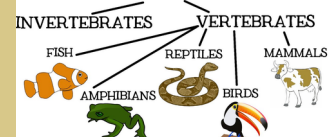
Science

This term, we are learning about:

Why are tigers not like humans?

- The children are learning to group animals. They will be looking at different mammals, reptiles, fish, amphibians, birds and insects.
- Herbivores, Carnivores and Omnivores
- Identifying body parts.
- The 5 senses.

ANIMAL CLASSIFICATION



Wider Curriculum

History - The Great Fire of London.

Music- Looking into beat, awareness of different genres of music, clapping back to different beats and a singing performance

Art - Looking at colour and how it is used within different media's.

PE - Tuesdays with Miss Howick- Gymnastics/ Dance. Wednesdays with Mr Karia- Command style games/ Physical literacy.

Computing - Online safety, how to log into the chrome books, how to use purple mash.

RSE - Unit 2- Me, my body and my health- How to look after ourselves and stay healthy.

Spellings

Year 1: a, l, the, of, is, to, do, was, for, are, his, has and they.

Year 2: great, break, steak, again, because, old, gold, told, hold, busy, child, children, most, both and Christmas.

Our class book this term:

There will be a range of books covered relating to our different topics.



Other important information:

Year 2 class retreat- 2 nd October
Year 1/ 2 class retreat - 9 th October
Year 1 class retreat- 16 th October

Websites to explore...

A great website to practise at home: Topmarks Maths Games
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

A lovely website to look further into the Great Fire of London: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4msn9q>

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid... for the Lord your God goes with you.”

—Deuteronomy 31:6