



St Alban's

Catholic Voluntary Academy

Upper Key Stage 2 Newsletter

Lent Term 2025/6

Welcome to Our Phase Newsletter

Welcome to the first phase newsletter of the year. Each half term, our newsletter will provide an overview of the key learning and events taking place across the phase. For Lent 1, the children will be exploring a range of exciting topics and activities designed to inspire curiosity, build confidence and deepen their understanding across the curriculum.

We hope this newsletter helps you stay connected with your child's learning journey and gives you a clear picture of what lies ahead. Everything we do is rooted in our mission of Learning, Loving, Living and in supporting the children to grow in their St Alban's character behaviours each day.

This half term, we will be learning...

Our topic driver this term:

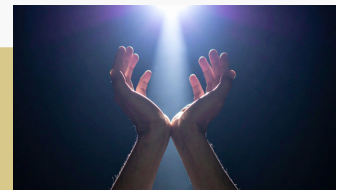
This half term, our main driver is History. The children will be exploring the Industrial Revolution, focusing on the significant developments that took place during this era and the impact that these had on the lives of people living at this time.



RE

Galilee to Jerusalem

In this branch, pupils will reflect on some of the stories of Jesus' miracles found in the Gospels of the New Testament. They will explore how these have been represented by various artists and express preferences. They will also study the Sacraments of the Catholic Church as places where we encounter God.



English

We will read:

Street Child by Berlie Doherty

We will be writing:

- A letter, drawing on knowledge from the text and using examples of non-standard English.
- A narrative retelling of an escape from the workhouse.

Grammar focuses:

We will focus on understanding of main and subordinate clauses and punctuating these correctly.



Maths

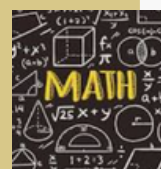
This term, we are learning about:

Year 6:

- Ratio and Proportion
- Algebra
- Decimals
- Percentages
- Area and Perimeter

Year 5:

- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions
- Decimals and Percentages
- Measure - Perimeter and Area
- Graphs and Tables

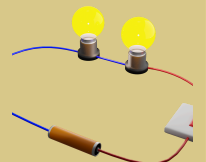


Science

This term, we are learning about:

Electricity:

- Building simple electrical Circuits.
- Using symbols for electrical components in order to draw circuit diagrams.
- Recognising whether or not a circuit will work and identifying reasons.
- Exploring voltage and resistance.



Learning, loving and living together, side by side with God

Wider Curriculum

Music - The children will be continuing to learn to play Steel Pans in preparation for their showcase later on in the half term before moving on to Glockenspiels.

Art - This term, the children are learning about T.S Lowry and his depiction of industrial landscapes.

DT - Inspired by the work of Brunel, we will be exploring bridges; how to create structures that are stable, able to bear weight and suitable for their purpose.

PE - Badminton and fitness.

Computing - Blogging - Children will identify the purpose of writing a blog and the features of successful blog writing. They will plan a blog of their own and contribute to an existing blog.

French - In this subject, the children will be learning about musical instruments. They will develop their ability to translate and construct simple pieces of text using their growing vocabulary.

RSE - Specific information with links to the RSE sessions will be sent via Dojo.

Spellings

Challenge Words

Words with -ie after c

Words where ei can make the /ee/ sound

Words where ough letter string makes the /or/ sound

Words containing ough

Words that are adverbs of possibility and frequency

Words that are homophones

Our class book this term:



Other important information:

PE sessions will be on Wednesdays and Fridays.	
Y5 and 6 trip to Cromford Mills - TBC	
Acts of Worship Y6 - 22nd January Y5/6 - 29 th January Y5 - 12 th February	
Parent consultations February 10 th and February 12 th	
Music Showcases: Y6 class - Monday 2 nd Feb 2.50pm Y5/6 and Y5 classes - Friday 6 th Feb 2.45pm	

Websites to explore...

- <https://ttrockstars.com/>
- <https://play.arithmagicians.com/selection>
- <https://rollama.com/login/>
- <https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/login/school>

A final prayer

Lord, thank You for the gift of learning and the joy of growing together each day. Bless our students and their families with peace, patience, and encouragement in the weeks ahead. May Your love guide us in all that we do.