

St Alban's Catholic Primary School

Foundation Stage 2 Newsletter

Summer 1

This half term in school we will begin by learning about minibeasts. We will be focussing on doing our best and working really hard as we will soon be in Year 1!

Personal, social and emotional development

We will all be focussing on working and sharing with our friends, understanding and following class rules, taking account of what others say, as well as listening to and sharing fantastic ideas we have. We will be looking at how our behaviour adjusts to different situations such as liturgies, assemblies and around the school, particularly as we approach Year 1!

Communication Language and literacy



Throughout the year, we have developed our English speaking and listening skills, which we are getting increasingly good at! We will be listening to stories about beetles, bugs and butterflies and learning to respond with relevant comments and questions. All the children have been practicing writing simple sentences using their letter sounds at school. We will continue to do this during our writing tasks and in our play sessions.

Mathematics

In the summer term, our focus will be recognising and using numbers 0-20. Counting objects to 20, placing the numbers in the correct order and saying what is one more and one less than a number up to 20. We will be solving problems involving doubling, halving and sharing. The children would love to share their new maths skills with you at home. Why not try doubling, halving and sharing problems at home using toys or sweets?



Understanding of the World

We have started to explore the world in different ways. This term, we will be looking closely at animals and plants, watching them grow and change over time. We will be exploring different computer programs and games in our learning, using programmable toys as well as ipads.

Physical development

We will be talking about how important it is to stay healthy. Each week we talk about what happens to our bodies when we do exercise. In PE we will continue our focus on ball skills, throwing and catching and hand-eye co-ordination.

Expressive Art development

Our classrooms provide lots of opportunities to get messy, have fun and create. We will be exploring how to use materials, tools and techniques safely. We will also be using everything we have learnt so far in our designing, making, art, dance, role-play, music and technology.



Activity Money

Please can I remind you that 'activity' money is £1 per week. Thank you to everyone who makes a voluntary contribution, we really appreciate it as it allows us to carry out extra activities like cooking and food tasting and to buy extra snack for the children.

The total amount for this half term is £6.

There are many ways in which you can support your child's learning:

- Continue to talk to your child about what happens at school and what they have been learning.
- Share stories – any books are great. See if your child can spot any of the letters that they have been learning at school.
- Talk about the Book of the week, read the tricky words, practice writing a sentence using their letter sounds, putting a capital letter at the beginning and a full stop at the end.
- Ask your child what they have been learning in Maths.

As the hot weather has arrived, please could we ask that the children have the following in school every day.

- A water bottle.
- Sun cream, clearly labelled with your child's name. Please apply sun cream before the start of the school day, as appropriate.
- A summer hat, clearly labelled with your child's name.

We are planning an FS2 trip to Conkers this half term. Date to be confirmed.

If you are having problems with 'Class Dojo' or you are still not on yet, please come and talk to us.