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YEAR 6 SPRING TERM CURRICULUM LETTER

Dear Parents,

SUMMARY OF OBJECTIVES

For your information, we have outlined below some of the topics that will be covered this term in Year 6. We have already made a good start to our studies and we feel sure that you will make every effort to assist and encourage your child as this term progresses.

Key Dates

KS2 SATS will take place on the week beginning Monday 9th May

School Journey is Monday 20th June - Friday 24th June 2022. Please note the revised date.

In the second half of the term we will be holding a meeting for parents to discuss arrangements for both SATs exams and the summer residential trip – more details to follow.

The following is a summary of the curriculum we will be covering:

English

This term, we will focus on the following key objectives:

Debating: Verbal discussions coupled with written debates linked to our science topic on evolution and genetics.

Narrative writing: Review key narrative techniques e.g. creating settings, characterisation and atmosphere and writing our own stories.

Persuasive Writing: Letters, and prose using a range of persuasive techniques.

Formal Writing: Non-chronological reports.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: These are covered in English lessons as well as a separate grammar lesson and there will be follow up homework to consolidate learning.

Mathematics:

This term, we will focus on the following key objectives:

Finding the area of parallelograms and triangles

Learning about the properties of shape

Exploring the relationship between perimeter and area

Volume and Measures

Problem solving using the four operations

Recognising and finding missing angles

Reflection and Translation

Formal written method for long division

Multiplying/Dividing Fractions/Fraction Problem Solving

Ratio/proportion





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Statistics –Interpreting line graphs and pie charts
Algebra and Sequences

Science

As Scientists we will be learning about: Classifying Living Things and Evolution and Inheritance

In our “Classifying Living Things” unit, we will be learning about how living things are classified into broad groups according similarities and differences. In our “Evolution and Inheritance” unit, we will be learning about how living things have changed over time, as well as identifying how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment.

Music

As musicians, the children will be researching Benjamin Britten’s life and his works, particularly Friday Afternoons: A New Year Carol. The children will also be investigating the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing instruments and demonstrating how they are all linked using ‘You’ve Got a Friend’ by Carole King as a stimulus.

History

As Historians, we will be focusing upon the following enquiry question: ‘What did King George VI mean when he said, ‘The history of York is the history of England’. In this unit, we will be learning about the history of York through the ages.

Geography

As Geographers, we will be focusing upon the following enquiry question: ‘How is climate change affecting the world’. In this unit, we will be learning about what climate change is and the impact it is having on our environment.

Religious Education

In Religious Education, we will be learning about how faith is expressed in Islam. In this unit, we will be learning about a variety of Islamic festivals, key tenets of the Qur’an and how these are shared.

We will also be learning about how Christians decide how to live their life and returning to the teachings of Jesus in helping us to make judgements.

PSHE & Citizenship

This term the children will explore their ‘Dreams and Goals’ before considering what physical and mental steps can be taken to ensure a ‘Healthy Me’.

Computing

In computing this term, we will be learning about algorithms and coding and how to apply these to the creation of problem solving games.

Art/DT

As Artists we will look at portraits and landscapes from the late Middle Ages and explore the illusion of perspective in our work. As Designers, we will be using our “History of York” topic, as a stimulus to design and create Roman head-pots.

P.E.

This term the children will participate in lessons that focus on handball, basketball, gymnastics and tag rugby.

Modern Foreign Language

In French, we will be learning about life in a French town. This will include details of a French school day, exploring libraries and common features of a home.



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You can help and support us by:

- Regularly checking your child's homework to monitor that all homework has been completed and handed in on time.
- Reading through your child's homework with them.
- Testing weekly spelling on a regular basis
- Listening to your child read each evening (or as often as possible).
- Assisting your child with research and other studies as appropriate.

Your child should be dressed in his/her PE kit in school on **Tuesdays and Fridays** for the outdoor games sessions led by our Sports Coach, Mr Morgan. If your child has a genuine medical reason why they cannot take part in a games session, then a note must be provided.

Homework will be set on a Friday, usually via Google Classroom, and should be handed in upon completion no later than the following Wednesday unless otherwise stated. The homework will consolidate and extend the week's lessons or give the opportunity to develop the children's research skills. By completing homework on a regular basis, children learn to engage in home learning as part of a 'normal' routine; this will help with the transition to greater amounts of afterschool, independent learning at secondary school.

Who will be working with your children this term?

I will continue to teach the class full time. Mrs Simpkin will take the class for Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) and Management time on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Mr Morgan will continue to take the children for PE.

On Friday afternoons the children will have the opportunity to experience some lab-based science learning at St Albans' Boys School. Sessions will be led by Boys School staff but supported by both Mr Yeldham and Mrs Simpkin.

Below is a table outlining sessions that take place regularly this term, all other subjects and times are subject to change.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	PE 2:20 – 3:15	Final day Homework submissions	Abbey Service 9:15 – 9:40	Class dictation of the week's spell works New Homework set on Google Classroom
				Science Lesson at St Albans B School 1:45-2:45

If, at any stage, you have questions relating to any aspect of your child's school activities, in the first instance please either send a note in via your child, or email the school office. Thank you for your support and assistance so far this year and your continued efforts to ensure that your child has a happy and successful term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Yeldham
Head of Key Stage 2