



St Alban's

Catholic Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Our children have returned after the holiday excited about their new classes, enthusiastic about the curriculum and are ready for the challenge of excelling in different subjects!

In order to support your child in the best possible way, below we have detailed the expectations for home learning throughout school. Please note the differences for your child's year group/key stage. In order to build on their previous learning and encourage them to make great progress in their learning this year, we ask that you support your child with their home learning in the following ways:

- ✓ Reading at least twice weekly.

All children from Rosedale Reception to Y6 Rievaulx have a reading book which is banded at the level which they are reading and a reading record to log their progress. It is expected that children read aloud two/three times per week to an adult or older sibling at home and a comment is made about their reading progress in their reading record book. This should be brought back to school each day ready for when they read with adults in school. Older children may read to themselves and make comments in their log book themselves.

All children, including Easby Nursery children will be able to bring a free choice Library book home each week to share and enjoy with a family member.

- ✓ Helping them learn their weekly spellings or phonics.

Y1 – Y6 only. These will be given out on a Monday and a 'check' will take place every Friday. It is expected that children learn their spellings and rules each week, at home as well as at school.

- ✓ Helping them learn their weekly number facts – written and speedily online.

Y1 & Y2 and Reception (later in the year) are expected to access Numbots* weekly at home and will earn certificates when they complete stages.

Y2 – Y6 are expected to access TT Rockstars* weekly and engage in the studio, festivals and battles.

Y3 – Y6 are given a specific focus times table/division facts which are shared on a Monday and a check will take place every Friday. It is expected that children learn their times tables and number facts each week, at home as well as at school.

- ✓ Supporting them to complete English activities online using Lexia*, Mirodo* and SATs companion* weekly.

Children from Y1 – Y6 have different levels of access to these online learning platforms. Activities will be set and monitored by teachers each week. Children are also given opportunities to access these platforms in school but are asked to complete activities as part of their home learning.

Y5 & Y6 only must complete the Grammar Hammer weekly activity.

- ✓ Engaging in Expeditionary Learning for all children throughout school and their families.

Attending the presentations of our 'Adventures in Learning' expeditions. Our Autumn term presentations are as follows:

Rosedale (Reception) - Tuesday 21st November at 9am

Whitby (Year 3) - Wednesday 22nd November 9am

Rievaulx (Year 6) - Wednesday 22nd November 2.40pm

Fountains (Year 4) - Thursday 23rd November at 9am

Roche (Year 1) - Thursday 23rd November at 2.40 pm

Kirkstall (Year 5) - Friday 24th November at 9am

Selby (Year 2) - Friday 24th November at 2.40 pm.

Please note that websites denoted with an * have a necessary login which will be shared with you and your children. If you lose these at a later date, you can request the usernames and passwords from your child's class teacher by email.

Again, this year children have been given a bag/folder for their reading record, reading book and home learning book in order to look after these items. You can choose to buy a red book bag also for your child if you wish.

All home learning, including weekly 'check' results/progress will be celebrated and rewarded within class based against children's individual targets. Children who are achieving above and beyond their personal targets will achieve Alban's. Likewise, termly topic essential learning will be celebrated across school as are all other achievements in and out of school. If your child finds it difficult to complete their home learning at home due to e.g. a busy household or schedule, please see or email your child's class teacher as soon as possible and we can arrange for this to be completed within school. Please speak with your child's class teacher at parents evening or email them if you have any other questions regarding in school or home learning.

Thank you for your continuous positive support. Working in partnership, will provide your children with the best possible start in their education and skills for life. We look forward to seeing all of our children achieve and excel this year and being able to celebrate this with you!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lindsey Ebsworth

Headteacher