

English

Our English focus this half term is stories from another culture. Will be reading and discussing traditional African tales in preparation for writing our own tale. The focus will be on ways to improve our writing through the use of the methods we have covered throughout this year.

The children will be reading 'The Saga of Eric the Viking' during story time, linking to our work on the Vikings in History.

Science

This half term in science our topic is animals including humans. We will be learning all about the human digestive system and how to keep our teeth healthy. We will be having a visit from the scientists at Newcastle University to help us with this.

Computers

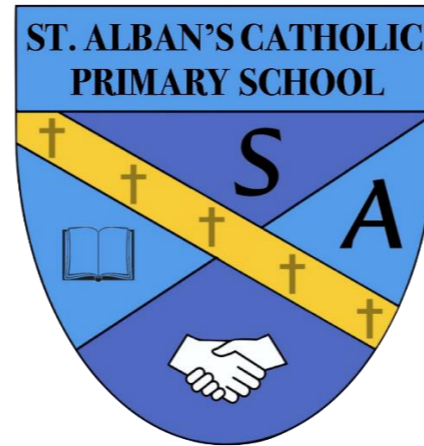
This term we will be learning how to use Microsoft programmes, use the internet to research topics and create a website. We will also learn how to correct errors

French

This term the children will be covering the unit 'Je Peux' (I Am Able). They will learn 10 familiar activities (e.g., dancing, cycling, singing) that they are able or are not able to do in French, allowing the children to build more interesting and complex sentences.

Important dates/ information

Year 4 – Summer 2



Maths

The start of this half term will see the children working on their knowledge of the times tables in readiness for the multiplication test. They will also be learning to multiply and divide by 10 and 100. They will be learning to multiply 2- and 3-digit numbers by 1 digit.

They will also be learning about decimals and fractions, learning to find fractions shapes and equivalent fractions.

PE

In readiness for sports day, the children will be working on their skills in athletics. The children will be practising sprinting, relay races, throwing, distance jumping and working on pacing. They will develop stamina and an understanding of speed and pace.

History

The children will be investigating why the Vikings had such a bad reputation, how they tried to take over the country and how recent excavations changed our view of the Vikings. They focus will be on artefacts found in Jorvik (a Viking settlement in York) and writings from that time.

Design & Technology

Linking in with our Literacy work on African Tales, the children will be investigating, designing, making and evaluating African percussion instruments.

Music

This term the children will be learning how to play a song in their weekly trumpet sessions. They will learn how to put their trumpets together and how to store them.

RE

Called - Children will learn how Christians are given the gift of the Holy Spirit through Baptism. They will also learn about Confirmation in relation to the Holy Spirit and Pentecost.

Our World – Children will learn about the Communion of Saints and look at how scripture tells us how to look after our world. They will learn about special people and the good works they do to help others in our world.

PHSE/RSE

What am I feeling? – Children will learn that their emotions will change as they grow up. They will develop their understanding of emotional well-being and learn that feelings are neither good or bad, but help us to consider how to act.

At Home

It is really important for children to continue to read a variety of texts, regularly at home to help improve fluency and comprehension of texts. It is also incredibly important to practise times tables regularly! There are many times table games on Top Marks