



**Academic Year
2014/2015**



**'Educating the
children and
serving the
community, in the
love of Jesus
Christ.'**



**Y5/6
Information
Booklet**

Curriculum 2014/15

Literacy: This half term we are looking at Narrative Fiction and will be reading a range of exciting texts starting with 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo and followed by 'Jane Eyre'. We will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts throughout the year. After studying examples, we will then be writing in the style of these different genres. In addition we will be learning spelling strategies and consolidating our understanding of grammar and punctuation. The children will also be given the opportunity to improve their reading comprehension skills during guided read sessions.

Numeracy: Throughout the year, our children in Year 5/6 will be covering the following topic areas: understanding numbers, shape and space, calculation strategies, measures, problem solving and data handling. Every numeracy lesson will also include a CLIC session (Counting, Learn Its, It's Nothing New and Calculation) which ensures that our children are rigorously developing their knowledge and understanding of core numeracy and the relationships between numbers.

RE: We are following the new 'Come and See' programme of study. The first topic Year 5/6 topic will be learning about is 'Loving.' Watch out for our class assembly on this topic very soon! The children also take part in, and lead, regular collective worship sessions.

Science: Science will be taught discretely this year on a Wednesday afternoon. By Mrs Clare The first topic this term will be 'All Things Living.'

IPC: The International Primary Curriculum encompasses history, geography, science, PE, art, ICT, DT and music. This is taught every Monday afternoon and the first topic is AD900 Non European Societies. We are also very lucky to have a music specialist come in on Wednesdays for a whole class guitar lesson!

Computing: During Computing lessons, the children will be given the opportunity to learn lots of new and exciting things as part of the New National Curriculum 2014. The first topic will involve the children creating their own eBooks on the school ipads!

P.E. There will be lots of fabulous P.E. Lessons happening this term. Year 6 will be the first class to take swimming lessons at our local community leisure centre. Please remind your child to bring their swimming cap and swimming kit every Thursday afternoon this half term. They will also be taking part in gym lessons on Wednesdays and will continue to have P.E. with Mr Unwin on Tuesday afternoons. We have a different sports club every night this year so ensure to fill in your child's permission slip soon to secure their place!

Key Dates

2014/15 HOLIDAY DATES

Autumn Term 2014

Wednesday 3rd Sept-Thursday 23rd October

Monday 3rd November -Friday 19th December

Occasional Holiday *Friday 5th December*

Spring Term 2015

Monday 5th January—Friday 13th February

Monday 23rd February -Thursday 2nd April

Summer Term 2015

Wednesday 15th April—Friday 22nd May

Monday 8th June—Wednesday 22nd July

Occasional Holidays *Monday 4th May -*

Bank Holiday

These dates are subject to change

Teachers' In-service Days

Monday 1st September 2014

Tuesday 2nd September 2014

Friday 24th October 2014

Tuesday 26th May 2014

2 x twilight sessions (TBA)

Attendance and Punctuality

School starts at 5 to 9 every day. All children should be ready to start their school day at this time! Registration is usually complete by 9 am, and your child will be marked late if they are not present in class at this time!

It is important that you encourage your child to come to school every day! The work pace is very quick in years 5 and 6, and any missed sessions could result in your child finding it difficult to catch up in subsequent lessons.

If your child is sick, please inform the school possible by calling the main number **0151 477 8560**.

Once your child returns to school following illness, it is important that they bring a note with them to explain their absence (even if you called), as this will prevent them from getting an 'unauthorised' absence mark!



Year 6 End of Key Stage Exams

These will take place during the following week:

Monday 11th - Friday 15th May 2015

Any child absent during this week will miss these very important exams and will not be allowed to take them at a future date.

Please make sure for the sake of your child's education that all family holidays are taken during the official holiday dates.

Useful Websites

www.primaryresources.co.uk

www.mathletics.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.stalbertsprimary.co.uk

Homework

Homework will be handed out every Monday and will usually consist of comprehension, numeracy activities and spellings. Children should complete and return their work by Friday of the same week.

All children are expected to read at least 4 times a week!

We are passionate about reading at St Albert's and ask that you encourage your child to read as much as possible at home to consolidate their learning in school. Please encourage your child to make their own comment when they have read independently at home.

The School Day

School begins at 8.55am. All children should line up on the yard at this time. If it is raining, they should come directly to class via the outside door.

Literacy and numeracy are taught every day during the morning sessions.

RE is taught every day at different times throughout the week.

IPC, Science, SEAL, Spanish and Computing are taught during the afternoon sessions.

PE is taught on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and our class will also be taking part in swimming lessons this term. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times as there may be additional PE sessions available to them at short notice!

School finishes at 3.15pm.