



Lower Key Stage 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Wow! How is it the Summer Term already? Time really is whizzing by!

After a fantastic term of Egyptian learning, we are now shifting the focus. Our first topic this term is Megastructures - we will be learning about beautiful or giant or spectacular (or all three) structures & buildings. We will be thinking about how they are constructed & where they are - local, national & international. We have some fantastic new ICT to look forward to as well! We will be taking the children along to our lovely Moot Hall for a tour - a real Maldon megastructure!

After half term, our final topic of the year will be Dear Earth, where we will be using the natural world as inspiration for our learning across the curriculum. We will be thinking about nature, our locality and caring for our environment & our world. We are also very excited about our trip to Thorndon Park, where we will be taking part in a range of exciting outside activities.

Reading

We continue to place a huge importance on reading at school, with both whole class and small group reading sessions taking place regularly. We have been pleased to see developments in the children's comprehension. Just because your child is now reading with a good degree of fluency does not always mean that they are understanding the text - lots of questioning and discussion will really help with this vital skill. As we always say, reading is a **fundamental** skill impacting on all areas of the curriculum. Thank you for continuing to hear your children read at home - the positive impact of this is very evident to us & is visible in so many areas of the curriculum.

PE Kits:

PE is a part of the National Curriculum. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit in school throughout the **whole week**. This should include a plain white T-shirt, burgundy shorts, trainers, a warm top (that is not their uniform jumper) and tracksuit trousers, so that they are ready to take part in the lessons. The children will have a combination of provision over the term - some lessons with their class teacher and other lessons with Mr Marks. **It is imperative that they have a kit in school at all times as we do not have spare kit.** During the last term, many of the children did not have the appropriate kit, especially not suitable footwear and as we always put safety first they were unable to join in. **Please also remember that children wearing earrings on a PE day will be required to take them out before taking part.** If they are not able to do this themselves, please do this at home the morning of their PE lesson.

We appreciate your support with this.

Times Tables

Times tables are the foundation of much of the maths curriculum and it is essential that these are practised regularly. Whilst these are worked on routinely in school, we would encourage the children to use many methods to practise them at home too, including: TTRockstars (login details can be found in their Reading Record books). The key to successfully learning these is to practise them little and often. The Year 4 children will sit the Government's online Multiplication Tables Check in June and therefore it is important for those children to be consistently practising their rapid recall up to 12 x 12. Please note that in this National check, the tables are mixed up.

Spellings

We teach two spelling lessons a week in school, and cover a different spelling objective each week. We use Spelling Shed/Ed Shed as our scheme and **all children** have weekly homework set on a Monday via this online platform. To make the best use of the scheme, all of the children should be practising their allocated words at home a few times a week. Well done to all those children that are doing this every single week - we can definitely see big improvements in your spellings!

Contacting Staff

If there is anything that you need to discuss please don't hesitate to speak to the class teacher at the door. You can also email the Y3/4 team directly on year34@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk, please be aware that this email will not be checked out of school hours or whilst we are teaching.

Reminder

Please ensure that children are in school everyday in good time. We complete the register at 8.45am so that we can start the school day promptly. The school gates and classroom doors are open at 8.30am when we start activities such as reading to help children get ready for learning. If you arrive after 8.45am classroom doors will be closed and children will need to be sent into school using the main front entrance. NOTE: With the exception of those who attend after school clubs, children should be collected promptly at the end of the day from their classroom door at 3.15pm. For those attending after school clubs collection time is 4.15pm.

Please ensure you make arrangements for your children to be collected on time everyday - we still have a number of pupils who are being collected significantly later.

Thank you from all of the Year 3/4 team,