



Lower Key Stage 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025



Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to school, and to the start of an exciting new year in Year 3/4! A big well done to all of the children too, who have already made a really positive start to their next year of learning. A special pat on the back to our new Year 3s who have settled into Lower Key Stage 2 extremely well, and to our Year 4s for supporting them and being wonderful role models.

Lower KS2 this year comprises three classes. Staffing is as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Badgers	Miss Gibson (Phase Group Leader)				Mrs Martinez
Foxes	Miss Rose				
Otters	Mrs L White		Mrs C White		

The children will be further supported by a team of excellent LSAs: Mrs Williams (HLTA), Mrs Jaques, Mrs Cole, Mrs Thomas & Mrs Dale.

Our first topic this term is Imaginary Worlds. Next half term we begin a great history topic, Stone Age Survival, which will be the start of an amazing journey through the early history of life in Great Britain. Full details of each of these topics can be found on our school website.

New to Y3 but not to Y4, all of the children have their own lockers in their classrooms. These lockers are big enough to hold a coat, a small bag, PE kit and lunch box. The children will also need a named bottle of water each day. We suggest that you also provide your child with a healthy mid morning snack too. Lunch is later in KS2 and the children do get really hungry if they don't have a break time snack.

PE

Please ensure that all the children have a full, named PE kit in school AT ALL TIMES. This should comprise of trainers, shorts, a white T shirt & a pair of socks for the girls if they wear tights for school. As the weather gets colder this term, they will also need sweatshirts & joggers, or tracksuits. All of the children will have PE with Mr Marks on Thursdays. They will also have another PE lesson with their class teacher; days will vary for this.

Supporting your Child

We are often asked by parents how they can support their child at home. In Year 3/4, half termly enrichment homework will be set linked to our topic and we love seeing what children produce with you at home. Other key skills to practise regularly are reading, spelling and times tables.

Reading

Reading is a vital skill, which impacts on **all areas** of the curriculum. The children all have a reading record - we would encourage you to hear your children read at home as much as you can, ideally every day, and record this in the reading record. Whilst many of the children are becoming more fluent & independent readers, the development of their comprehension is crucial. Hear them read aloud, encourage them to read some of their books on their own & explore content with them through questions and discussions.

Times Tables

The children all have a Times Tables Rockstars login. This is a fun way to practise their times tables.

Spellings

Our school spelling scheme is Spelling Shed. Each of the pupils has a login. New spellings will be set each Monday. Whilst we work on these spellings in class, it is important for the children to practise them at home too, to improve fluency and retention. The games are very child friendly.

Contacting Staff

If there is anything that you need to discuss, please don't hesitate to speak to us. The quickest & best way to get a message to staff is through the school office, via their email or phone. You can also email the Y3/4 team directly at:

year34@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk

Please note that this email will not be checked out of school hours or whilst we are teaching.

Reminder: please ensure that the children are in school in good time. Doors open at 8.30am and all children should be in school by 8.45am when the gates close. This is in order for us to get the class registered so we can start our lessons or go to collective worship promptly. If children arrive later than 8.45am, classroom doors will be locked & they will have to enter school via the front entrance to be registered. Children should be collected at 3.15pm from their classroom door.

Year 3/4 is a fantastic two years of school life and learning, with amazing topics which we know that the children will enjoy. We look forward to working with you all and very much value your continued support.

Thank you from all the Year 3/4 team