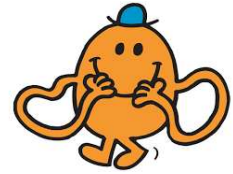




Key Stage 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello and welcome to the new academic year at All Saints' School. The children have settled in brilliantly and we are all excited about the year ahead. The KS1 teaching team this year is Mr Smith (Lions Class), Mrs Hayes and Mrs Martinez (Tigers Class) and Mrs Pilgrim and Mrs Ridgewell (Leopards Class). Mrs Woodroof (Forest School), Mrs Chilver (Music) and Mr Marks (PE) will also work with the children on Wednesday afternoons.

In addition to the teaching staff, we have a fantastic team of LSAs: Mrs Newman, Mrs Wheeler, Mrs Bourne, Mrs Abbott, Mrs Miles and Miss Robinson.

A big welcome to our new Y1 Pupils

The move into KS1 from EYFS is a big one, perhaps one of the biggest changes that the children will encounter in Primary School. The children begin working on the National Curriculum, which they will continue to work through for the rest of their time at school. The learning becomes more adult directed (although we still aim to build in plenty of child led tasks too), tasks will become longer, requiring more concentration, and the children will have designated seats in most lessons. Some children are ready for this and find the transition straightforward. Others may take a little longer to settle into this routine, but they will get there. Rest assured that we will support all the children to ensure that the transition is a smooth one and this week they have been great!

Curriculum

We are starting the year with the topic "Mr Men Come to Maldon" which is all about Maldon.....and Mr Men! After half term, our topic will be Lights, Camera Action. Full details of both these topics can be found on our school website.

Most teaching takes place within the class group but the children will be working in sets for Phonics.

Supporting your child at home...

Reading

Reading is the single most important thing that you can do to support your child at home - listen to them read, read to them, talk about stories and share books. It really does make a massive difference to their learning (in all curriculum areas), their focus and their progress. Try to do something every day, and please record your reading activities in your child's reading record.

Spellings

Spelling and / or phonic homework will be set by the teacher that teaches your child phonics. There will be phonics/spelling homework set weekly on Ed Shed. Every child has a login to Ed Shed that you will find on the front of their reading diary. All phonics patterns and spelling rules will be worked on in lessons, but you can support your child at home by further reinforcing these and encouraging them to complete their Ed Shed homework. The more practise that they get, the better these spellings will "stick".

PE kits

PE is part of the National Curriculum. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school at all times, as we don't have spare kit. Each child will need: a plain white T shirt, burgundy shorts and trainers. As we do outside PE weekly (weather permitting) your child will also need a warm tracksuit. A sensible plain sweatshirt and jogging bottoms are also absolutely fine. PE lessons are on different days depending on your child's class, so they do need a kit in at all times. In the interests of safety and in line with our school policy, earrings should be removed, preferably before school, on PE days. School staff are not allowed to remove earrings (and we are no longer allowed to cover them with tape).

PE days in KS1 for all classes are on a **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**.

Outdoor Learning

As part of their timetable, the children will be having Forest school lessons (on a rotation basis) on Wednesday afternoons.

Autumn first half term - Lions

Autumn second half term- Leopards

Spring first half term- Tigers.

They will go outside in all weathers so they must always have a coat on these days, along with warm clothing as the weather cools down. You will receive a reminder when it is your child's turn.

Naming Items

Please name everything! Our lost property drawers soon become full of unnamed items, and it is almost impossible to return them to their rightful owner if they don't have a name on them.

Water Bottles

Thank you for sending the children in with named drinks bottles. They do all need a bottle, which we can refill at school if necessary. Please remember that the bottles should contain water not squash or juice.

Snacks

All pupils will have access to free fruit for morning and afternoon snack, but should you wish to send a healthy snack in for break time, please do so. **Named containers please.** Please keep crisps and cake for lunch boxes as we encourage children to make healthy choices for snack. **We are of course a nut free school so absolutely no products containing nuts for snack please.**

Thank you so much for your support; If you have any further questions, please pop in to discuss them or alternatively email us on year12@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

The KS1 Team.