

UPPER KEY STAGE 2 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of yet another exciting academic year at All Saints'. We hope you had an exciting and fun summer break and are all set for a stimulating year. As you are probably already aware, there are some staff changes this year which means our team has slightly changed. It will still be made up of Mr Cairey (Turtles Class), Mr Cobb (Starfish Class) and Mrs White (Seahorse Class) but we will be welcoming our other Mrs White into Seahorse Class one day a week too! Our main topic this term will be 'The Tudors' before we do a smaller 3 week topic block on 'The Highwayman' at the end of the term. To start us off we will be looking at the Tudor Dynasty and in particular the key Tudor Monarchs and their impact on British history. We have planned a trip for after the half-term break and further details will be sent out closer to the time. More details about the topics are available on our curriculum map, which can be downloaded from the school website.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you about a few things in UKS2:

Homework

A detailed Enrichment Homework letter accompanies this Newsletter which you can access through the school website. Children will still get Maths and English homework throughout the year and this will be at the discretion of the class teacher. For Maths homework we ask that you strongly encourage the children to **use Times Table Rock Stars regularly** to practise developing the fluency of their times tables. It is vital that they have this fluency before they start certain units in maths. **Spellings are set weekly** through Spelling Shed and again please ensure that the children are accessing this regularly at home too. We are able to monitor this through our teacher accounts and will be regularly checking. Finally, please continue to **hear your child read daily** or as often as possible - this is very important developmentally for all children.

Year 5 and 6 Residential trips

We are delighted that once again we are able to offer both a Year 5 and Year 6 residential trip in 2025. These have been confirmed as follows:

Fairplay House Year 5 - Dates: **10th-12th February 2024**

Hilltop Year 6 - Dates: **9th-13th June 2024**

You will already have seen details of the Year 5 Fairplay House trip which were sent in a letter earlier this week. In that letter was a request for an **initial £45.00 deposit** which will secure your child's place. This can be paid using the School Gateway App and we would request that it is paid by the 30th September 2024. You and your child are invited to attend an information meeting on **Thursday 12th September in the school hall at 3.30pm**. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

For Year 6 parents and carers, the Hilltop residential is still being finalised. A meeting will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks. Please keep a look out for details and in the meantime do feel free to ask us any questions.

PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has a full named PE kit in school at all times as we do not have any spare kit. Each child will need; a plain white T-shirt, burgundy shorts and some trainers. As the weather is starting to get colder they will also need a tracksuit. This could be a school tracksuit or dark jogging bottoms and jumper/hoodie or something warm and practical. Unfortunately plimsolls cannot be used outside during winter as they do not offer any protection from wet weather and mud.

Walking Home

If your child is now permitted to walk home regularly on their own please write a note to their class teacher. This should clearly state that you give your child permission to walk home (or to walk to a certain landmark or street) and on which days. Please either do this to the phase group email: year56@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk or the school office email: admin@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk. This is a reminder that **School finishes at 3.15pm and we ask that you collect your children from their classroom promptly.**

Mobile Phones

Whilst we understand and support the fact that some children in Year 5/6 need to bring a mobile phone to school we would like to remind them that this does not apply to everyone. We strongly encourage children, where

possible, to **leave mobile phones at home**. If your child walks to school or has another valid reason for bringing a mobile phone into school, there is a mobile phone permission letter that you must complete and submit before they bring the phone in. These are available from any of the Year 5/6 staff.

Water Bottles

Finally, please make sure that your child comes to school every day with a named reusable water bottle.

Thank you so much for all of your support, if you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to discuss them with any of our team.

The 5/6 Team