



Key Stage 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024



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 are Mr Smith (Lions Class), Miss Cooch (Tigers Class) and Mrs Pilgrim and Mrs Ridgewell (Leopards Class). Mrs Palmer will also be joining Mr Smith in Lions Class as a student teacher during the course of the year. Miss Martin and Mrs Hyam will work with some of our Y2 children in Dragon's Den during our maths lessons. Mrs Woodroof, Mrs Chilver and Mr Marks will also work with the children on Wednesday afternoons to deliver forest school, music and PE.

In addition to the teaching staff, we have a fantastic team of KS1 TAs: Mrs Newman, Mrs Wade-Isles, Mrs Lavender, Mrs Cole, Mrs Atkins, Mrs Bourne, Mrs De Vries, Miss Hiskett and Mrs Lumley.

A big welcome to our new Y1 Pupils

The move into KS1 from EYFS can be a big step, 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 gradually become longer, requiring more concentration, and in many lessons there will be set seating plans that children soon adjust to. 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 "Explorers" where we will be travelling around the world and learning about a new country each week! After half term, our topic will be Toy Makers. 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 Maths and 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. Without doubt, it makes 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 phonics homework will be set by the teacher who teaches your child phonics. There will be homework set weekly on Ed Shed. Every child has a login to Ed Shed which 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 further by reinforcing these and encouraging them to complete their Ed Shed homework. The more they practise, the better these spellings will "stick".

PE kits

PE is part of the National Curriculum. Please ensure that your child has a full named PE kit in school at all times as we do not have spare. Each child will need: a plain white T shirt, burgundy shorts and trainers. As the weather starts to get colder and we aim to do outside PE weekly (weather permitting) your child will also need a warm tracksuit. School tracksuits are available but a sensible warm 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. Note: In the interests of safety and in line with our school policy, earrings should be removed, preferably before school, on PE days. They can also be covered with microporous tape prior to the PE lesson (this tape must be supplied by you in their PE bags, the children must be able to use it themselves). School staff are not allowed to remove earrings.

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

Outdoor Learning

As part of their timetable, the children will have Forest school lessons (on a rotation basis) on Wednesday afternoons as follows:

Autumn first half term-Lions

Autumn second half term-Tigers

Spring first half term-Leopards

The children go outside in all weathers so we ask that children always have a waterproof warm coat and appropriate warm clothing as the weather cools down. You will receive a letter reminding you when it is your child's turn and suggestions of what clothing to provide.

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 reusable named drinks bottles. They really 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 their snacks. Please also remember we are a nut free school.

Thank you so much for your continued support. If you have any further questions, please speak to your class teacher at the door of the classroom or email us at: year12@allsaintsprimaryschoolmaldon.co.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Please note, this email is not accessed whilst we are teaching or outside of normal school hours. You can also contact the school office who may be able to assist you.

The KS1 Team.

