

HAFFYDOWN CLASS LETTER



Welcome to Haffydown class! We are looking forward to the coming year and getting to know the new class. The long-term plan for Haffydown can be found on the class page on the school's website.

We are looking forward to working alongside you this year in supporting your child in the next steps of their education. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Preston.

Staffing

Miss Preston- Class Teacher

Mrs Davies- supports the class.

Mrs Crowley- teaches Music on Tuesday afternoons

Mr Nash- teaches PE on Monday afternoon and Friday morning

Mrs Evans- teaches RE on Monday afternoon and Year 3 Science on Wednesday afternoons.

Ms O'Brien- teaches on Friday mornings.

Recorders

All children need to have their recorder in school every Tuesday for music.

These are available to purchase from the school office.

PE Kit

Please ensure children have appropriate PE kit throughout the week and their items clearly labelled.

Kit should include:

- PE t-shirt (plain red, rounded necked)
- PE shorts (plain, navy)
- Trainers
- Navy sweatshirt and jogging bottoms for outdoor PE.

Trainers

Please ensure your child brings trainers in every day either for the daily mile and playtime.

Water Bottles

Water bottles are essential and should be bought into school each day and taken home and washed daily.

Snack and Milk

All Year 2 children will be offered a free fruit or vegetable snack as part of the Department of Health's scheme. Year 3 are welcome to bring in their own snack. If you wish to order milk for your child, please contact the office.

Trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon village

To support our Anglo-Saxon theme, we will be visiting West Stow Anglo Saxon on 27th September. You'll receive a letter with further details shortly.



Homework

Spelling:

Year 2 and 3 will be learning spelling using the 'No Nonsense Spelling' scheme. As this is new to year 2, you may find it helpful to watch Mrs Branagan's presentation introducing the scheme which can be found on our school website. <https://www.astonmarys.herts.sch.uk/english/>

Each child will have a spelling journal, which will need to be taken home daily and brought to school the following day. Children should practise in their journal for a few minutes each day.

Reading:

Please aim to listen to your child read daily and remember to sign their reading diary.

Times tables Rock Stars:

Times Tables Rock Stars has been introduced to the children and they have been provided with their password login. Regular practise for a few minutes each day really does make a difference to the progress children make, please encourage your child to play regularly at home.

Half termly home learning:

There will be home learning set for Science and History/Geography each half term.

SEESAW LOGIN: a Seesaw login has been sent home, please keep this safe.

Curriculum

In history this term, we will be studying the **Anglo Saxons**. Towards the end of the term, we will focus on the Geography topic of **Antarctica**.

English: we are beginning the year looking at Traditional Tales, particularly the story of Little Red Riding Hood.

Maths: Understanding place value and operations.

Science: Animals, including humans.

Computing: Spreadsheets and effective searching.

French (Year 3): Core vocabulary and phonetics.

DT: Felt Christmas Tree decorations

RE: Diwali then after half term incarnation.

Music: Learning recorder and exploring harvest & Christmas songs.

Art: drawing and painting using LS Lowry as inspiration.

PSHE: Be yourself and digital wellbeing.

PE: Football, tag rugby, basketball and netball.