

HAFFYDOWN CLASS LETTER



I hope you have had a restful holiday, and your child is looking forward to returning to school for another term. Haffydown should be proud of all their hard work last term, and we are excited for another successful term.

Please find below key information for the Spring term. If you have any questions or worries. Please don't hesitate to speak to me.

Miss Preston

Outdoor shoes

Please ensure your child brings trainers or wellies in every day as currently the field is very muddy and we want to keep their school shoes as clean and dry as possible.

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.

Spring Term Curriculum

In Geography this half term, we will be studying **Antarctica**. After half term we will be looking at the life of **Alfred Russell Wallace** and his importance to the local area.

English: We will be looking at a variety of texts but we will be focusing on 'The Emperor's Egg' and 'How to Catch a Star'.

Maths: Inverse, time and statistics.

Year 2 Science: Uses of Everyday Materials & Living things and their habitats.

Year 3 Science: Rocks

RE: Gospel and Salvation.

Music: Easter songs, playing recorder and reading music.

DT: Rainforest Shelters

Art: Using collage and drawing from observations of nature.

Computing: Email and Creating Pictures

PSHE: Growing Up and Safety First.

PE: Orienteering, Gymnastics and Dance.

Recorders

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

These are available to purchase from the school office.

Water Bottles

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

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.

Home Learning

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.