

# HAFFYDOWN SPRING NEWSLETTER

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ASTON ST MARYS

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back everyone! I hope you have all had a magical winter break and are looking forward to getting back to Haffydown this term. I was blown away with the effort and enthusiasm from all the children last term – the progress I have seen already is incredible! Thank you for all your support at home with home learning and attendance. Haffydown won the attendance cup for both half terms which is fantastic! Details on our school trip for this term will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

This letter will include all the information you need for our first exciting term in 2024. Should you wish to speak to me, I am available on the playground in the morning or at the door, after school, for a quick chat. If you wish to speak to me at another time, you can contact me in person, or via the school office, to book an appointment.

Warm wishes,

Miss Myers



## HOME LEARNING

### READING AND SPELLING



Our new reading incentive will be introduced this week with details posted on Seesaw. Reading and recording as often as possible is still encouraged for all. Please ensure reading is counter signed at least three times per week. Please let me know if reading at home is challenging so we can ensure support at school. Spelling practice should continue daily.

### TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS



The TTRS wheel will make a return once again this term! Children who have completed their weekly 10 minutes (session runs Tuesday afternoon to Monday night) will earn one spin the next Tuesday morning. A gentle reminder that little and often throughout the week is better than all in one go. Our new 'Most improved of the week' podium presentation was a very popular motivator last term! Everyone in the class stands a chance of placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd on effort alone.



### GEOGRAPHY

The Hot and Cold Climates Home Learning is posted on the school website and is due in at the end of this term.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE AND SEESAW



Our class page on the school website is updated with photos and news of the children's learning regularly. Should you wish to be alerted to new posts, a notification opt-in is available on the website. Please also ensure that you regularly sign into Seesaw to remain up to date with important notices and messages.  
[www.astonmarys.herts.sch.uk](http://www.astonmarys.herts.sch.uk)

# EQUIPMENT



All children need a pair of wellies, or an extra pair of trainers, at school every day for muddy breaktimes. To avoid P.E. shoes being made dirty prior to a lesson that may take place inside, P.E. trainers cannot be worn in place of wellies/extra trainers on the muddy field or grass. If you wish to send extra trainers rather than wellies, please ensure they are labelled accordingly and your child knows which pair are for the mud. This should also help us to stop mud being walked through the classroom and avoid piles of muddy P.E. trainers at the door. Thank you for your help.



All children need a recorder in school for our music lesson on Tuesday. Records are available to buy at the school office.



A full, labelled P.E. kit is needed in school for our lessons on Mondays and Fridays. This should include P.E. trainers, long trousers, shorts, a top and a jumper.



Please send in a clean water bottle daily. The classroom sink can be used to refill during the day and bottles must be taken home for cleaning every day.



**Please ensure everything is labelled so items can be returned quickly.**

# CURRICULUM



## English

We will continue to look at a range of poetry, fiction and non-fiction texts.



## PSHE

It's my body  
Think Positive



## Maths

We will continue to follow the National Curriculum.



## Computing

Making Music  
Questioning and Investigating



## Science

Year 2 - Materials  
Year 3 - Rocks and Plants



## Design Technology

Textiles - Monday Containers  
Pop up Cards



## Geography

Hot and Cold Places  
UK Islands



## Religious Education

Sikhism  
Christianity



## French

Musical Instruments  
Fruit or Vegetables



## Physical Education

Gymnastics and Dance  
Hockey and Tennis



## Music

Easter Songs  
Composers - Vivaldi and Einuadi

