

# HAFFYDOWN SPRING NEWSLETTER

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ASTON ST MARYS

## WELCOME BACK!

A very warm welcome back everyone! I hope you have all had a restful and chocolate filled Easter break with lots of quality family time. We have lots of wonderful topics to immerse ourselves in this Summer and we are already raring to go! Haffydown have settled back in without missing a beat this week and are already living up to their excellent reputation. We are very excited to share our learning with you this term, particularly our Stone Age History and Art, and we are even looking forward to Year 2 SATS!

This letter will include all the information you need for our Summer 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 Bookworm reading incentive will continue this term. Please ensure your child is reading out loud to you at least three times a week, and their reading record is filled in or counter signed by an adult each time. Please let me know if reading at home is challenging so we can ensure support at school. Spelling practice should continue daily with a focus on words from the 'have a go' sheet, with any spelling strategy.

### TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS



TTRS sessions will continue as normal with 5 minutes set in the Studio between Tuesday and Friday, and 5 minutes in the Garage between Friday and Monday evening. To have a spin of the wheel, children must complete both sessions. Those who miss several sessions may be asked to complete their session during the school day.



### GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

Geography homework is due in on the 16th of May. History homework will be sent out after this date, once we have started our History topic.

## 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



As the weather improves, we will be able to use the field more often. Wellies and/or muddy trainers must be in school every day in case of rainy weather.



We have had a few recorders missing this term so please ensure that your child has a recorder in their bag, ready for their music lesson, every week. Recorders are used every Tuesday as part of our music curriculum and we are unable to lend them out every week. Recorders 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

One World  
Diverse Britain



## Maths

We will continue to follow the National Curriculum.



## Computing

Presenting Ideas  
Touch Typing



## Science

Year 2 - Plants  
Year 3 - Plants and Light



## Design Technology

Food Technology - Soup



## Geography

UK Islands



## Religious Education

Sikhism  
Christianity



## French

Ice Cream  
Colours



## Physical Education

Athletics and Orienteering  
Cricket and Rounders



## Music

Summer Concert  
Production Songs  
Composers - Strauss, Gershwin



## History

Stone Age to Iron Age Britain



## Art

Stone Age Art