



Haffydown Information

Autumn Term 2024-2025

Welcome back to another fantastic year at Aston St Mary's! We are delighted to welcome the children back after their summer break and I am thrilled to be teaching Haffydown class again this year. Firstly, a huge welcome to Charlie, who has joined Year 2 in Haffydown and has very quickly become part of our lovely class! Although I already know your children, I am very much looking forward to getting to know everyone much better within our new Haffydown community. To ensure Year 2 remain closely connected with the rest of their year group, a combined timetable of lessons and playtimes has been arranged.

This letter provides information for the term ahead, however, I would welcome you to come and speak to me at the start or end of the day, or message me on Seesaw, if you have any questions.

Miss Myers

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Arrival and pick-up

Drop off and pick up will continue as before, at the side of the school and by the Haffydown door. Could all parents please confirm in writing, their pick-up arrangements such as trusted adults/childminders. This ensures your child always leaves safely with the correct person and will help me to pass messages on easily.

Staffing

Miss Myers - Class Teacher
Mrs Evans - Class Teaching Assistant
Miss Hughes - Class Teaching Assistant
Mrs Minnis - Recorder Teacher
Rising Stars - Monday P.E.

School trip

To support our learning in History, we will be visiting West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village in Suffolk on the 1st of October 2024. We do not need costumes for this trip. More exciting information will be sent out closer to the time.

Seesaw

Your child's Seesaw login details have been sent home with your child to allow you to log into the app. If you are unable to gain access, please let me know as soon as possible. Class updates and communications will be posted to the class journal. The messaging function can also be used to reach me with any queries. Haffydown are encouraged to share their homework, achievements and news on Seesaw.



Arbor

Could all parents please check their Arbor accounts to ensure all details are correct and up to date. This is particularly important for allergies and contact information. All medical information must be recorded, including asthma pumps. Please also review your child's permission lists for films, photo consents, etc.



Our Curriculum

Homework - A History homework grid and a Science homework grid will be sent out this term for the children to choose one activity from each. Alternatively, they are able to do an activity of their own making/choosing to support their learning in each subject.

English - We are starting with a unit on Little Red Riding Hood as we discover traditional tales and write our own narratives.

Maths - We will continue to cover the National Curriculum, starting with place value, money, addition and subtraction.

Science - Year 2 and Year 3 will both be learning about 'Animals including humans'.

History - We will be exploring the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings until Christmas.

R.E - We will learn about Diwali and the key question: Would celebrating Diwali at home and in the community bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child? After half term, we will look at Christianity and the key question: What is the Trinity?

Art - Nature observation through drawing and collage.

Design Technology - Felt Christmas Tree Decorations.

Music - We will start with 'The Friendship Song' and then focus on the Glockenspiel.

P.E. - Football, Rugby, Dance and Basketball

Computers - Spreadsheets and Effective Searching.

PSHE - Be Yourself and Digital Wellbeing.

Year 3 French - Numbers and Days of the Week.



P.E. kits

All children will need a full, labelled P.E. kit in school, including named trainers.

P.E. kit should include;

- P.E. T-shirt (plain, red, rounded neck)
- Trainers
- Navy jumper
- Navy jogging bottoms
- Navy shorts

Water bottles

Everyone will need a named water bottle in school every day that will be sent home daily to be cleaned and refilled. Our class sink can be used for refills throughout the day. Hydration will be encouraged in Haffydown all year round.

Muddy shoes and wellies

As we move closer to winter, **everyone** will need either an old pair of trainers or a pair of wellies to wear onto the field to help protect our classroom carpet from the mud. These must be a different pair from P.E. trainers.



Recorders

Year 2 and Year 3 will all need a named recorder for their lesson on Tuesdays. These are available to purchase at the school office.

Reading, Spelling and Times Table Rock Stars

Reading is essential for academic progress across all subjects and in Haffydown, our passion for reading will be promoted as much as possible. We will all take part in our Bookworm Club and we are collectively working towards a reading day treat - please ask your children for the exciting details! 5 minutes of reading and 5 minutes of spelling is encouraged every night and TTRS sessions will be set weekly. Participation in TTRS sessions is essential and enables the children to take part in our 'Spin the Wheel' activity. More details on all expectations and incentives will be available at our Meet the Teacher meeting next week. TTRS log in details have been handed out and are also in the back of reading records.

