

HAFFYDOWN SPRING NEWSLETTER

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ASTON ST MARYS

WELCOME BACK!

Hello everyone,

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a restful and happy Christmas break! It has been a real joy welcoming the children back to school and seeing how excited they are to be together again, ready for a new term of learning. Thank you so much for the very kind Christmas gifts – they were truly appreciated and such a lovely surprise to open over the break.

This term, we will continue to work closely alongside Peartree Year 2, sharing lessons and playtimes to ensure the children feel connected as a year group. A huge well done for the efforts with reading and TTRS last term, it is making such a difference to written work and mental maths strategies.

To kick off the term, we have an exciting Design and Technology day planned this week, where the children will be making soup. It will be a hands-on and tasty way to start our learning!

As always, please don't hesitate to speak to me at the beginning or end of the day, or get in touch via Seesaw, if you have any questions or would like to chat about how your child is settling back into school. I'm always happy to help. Here's to a brilliant term ahead!

Warmest 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. 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 10 minutes set in garage or studio weekly. To have a spin of the wheel, children must complete their whole session by Sunday night. Those who miss several sessions may be asked to complete their set time during the school day.



GEOGRAPHY AND SCIENCE

Geography home learning was sent out last term for our Hot and Cold places unit. Year 2 and 3 Science home learning grid will be sent out at the start of this term for our new units.

WELCOME!

Until Easter, we have a new student teacher joining us from Welwyn. His name is Mr Apelo and he has been warmly welcomed by the children this week! Mr Apelo will be with us every day except Thursday and brings us his musical expertise that he is looking forward to sharing with the class.

EQUIPMENT



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



Please ensure that your child has a recorder in their bag, ready for their music lesson, every week. Recorders are used on Wednesdays 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 Thursdays. 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 afternoon.



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



Science

Year 2 - Living things and their habitats
Year 3 - Forces and Rocks



Design Technology

Structures (Pop up cards)



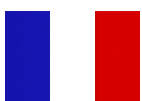
Geography

Hot and Cold places



Religious Education

Sikhism
Christianity



French

Animals
Days of the week
Months of the year



Physical Education

Dodgeball and Gymnastics
Communications & Tactics and
Tennis



Music

"Once upon a tune"



Art

Cindy Sherman
"Who do I want to be?"