

PEARTREE



NEWSLETTER

Spring 2026

Aston St Mary's

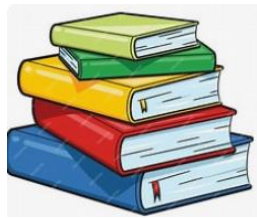
Hello everyone,

Welcome back to Peartree class spring term 2026 and a happy new year to all. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are rested and ready to begin yet another action-packed term.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Miss Sheridan who is going to be with us this half term. I know you will make her feel very welcome.

HOME LEARNING: READING AND SPELLING

Reading remains one of our top priorities in school. As well as being an enjoyable activity, where you can 'lose yourself' in a book, it is essential in helping the children to learn new vocabulary



which, in turn, helps them to make progress in their spelling and writing. **Please read with your child at home as this also has a great impact in helping them.**

Year one Phonics sheets will be put on Seesaw so you can see what new sounds and tricky words the children are currently learning.

Year Two Spelling practice continues to be daily.

TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS

Year two are encouraged to use TTRS to help build up fluency in their times tables.

They are expected to complete a ten-minute session out of school hours each week. They will bring home their log in details.



HISTORY/SCIENCE

Year 1 - one piece of topic or science each half term.

Year 2 - one piece of topic and science each half term. Details to follow

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

Your child should bring in a clean water bottle daily. Bottles must be taken home for cleaning every day. **Please fill bottles with water only. It is important that everything is labelled so items can be returned quickly.**



A full, **labelled** P.E. kit is needed in school for our lessons on Mondays and Thursdays. This should include P.E. trainers, socks, long trousers, shorts, a top and a jumper. **We are still finding clothes which have not been labelled.**



Please make sure your child has a **labelled** pair of wellies on the rack outside the classroom. Your child's feet may have grown since September so please check that they still fit.



CURRICULUM



English

We will be looking at a range of poetry, fiction and non-fiction texts.

Science (taught in year groups)



Year 1 – Everyday materials

Different materials and their properties. Sorting materials. Testing suitability of different materials for different purposes.

Year 2 – Animals and their habitats

Looking at animals that live in different habitats. Adaptation to survive extreme habitats. Micro-habitats.

Design and Technology (Investigate, design, make and evaluate.)



Wheeled toys – In line with our history topic.

History – Toys



How toys have changed over the decades from Victorian toys to current ones.

RE

Was it always easy for Jesus to show friendship?

Why does Easter matter to Christians?



Maths



We will be learning about place value, Addition and subtraction (counting on/back and partitioning), comparing and measuring length, time, fractions and multiplication.

Computing - Coding and Lego builders

Learning about algorithms and how to debug instructions. Designing simple programmes using on-line tools within Purple Mash.



Art and Design



'What do our toys do when we are not there?'

Looking at the work of photographic artist Mitchell Wu and creating art in his style.

Geography – UK



Human and physical geographical features and UK landmarks.

Music – Round and Round

Fun songs performed in different styles.



PE – Dodgeball/Gymnastics



