



All Saints CE Primary School

Autumn Term 2023

YEAR 4



Monday 11th September 2023

Dear Year 4 and families,

Welcome you back to school! We hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday and are looking forward to a new, happy and hardworking school year. We wanted to write to you to inform you of our class procedures and to let you know our topics for this term.

English and Mathematics will occur daily and follow the curriculum framework covering a variety of texts and skill. Please take every opportunity to encourage the children to apply their English and Mathematics skills at home.

Miss Brown will be teaching Year 4 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. On a Wednesday Miss O'hare will teach them and on a Friday they will go to swimming with Miss O'hare, Mrs Palmer will teach DT, Miss Hewson will teach creative writing and Mrs Cutter will teach French.

Throughout the week we will have a variety of teaching assistants helping us out including Mrs Chechun (known as Miss Hanna to the children) and Mrs Allen.

HOMWORK

Year 4 homework is based on reading, spelling practise, times table practise and pick & mix homework.

Reading Homework

Children progress best with their reading skills when they read everyday, which is why we try to ensure the children spend at least 10 minutes reading in class everyday. You can help to dramatically increase your child's reading ability by also encouraging your child to read with you at home.

Every time your child completes a book they will be able to take a mini quiz at school on that book either at home or school via the Accelerated Reader website.

It is expected that your child will complete an average of 15 minutes reading at home per day- this will be checked every second Thursday.

It is essential that children have their reading book in school daily.

Spelling Homework

Spellings will be set and **tested on a weekly basis**. They will be sent home every **Wednesday** and tested on the following **Wednesday**. The spellings will be in the children's homework folders, so they can practise both at school and at home.

Spellings will be differentiated and the expectation is that children will achieve at least 6/10. It is important for children to practice their spellings and use the spelling words in context. We advise children to write sentences with those words as part of their spelling practice.

Times Tables and Numbots Homework

Times table facts are a key part of the mathematics curriculum and help the children understand multiplication, division, fractions, area, and percentages. The children will practise three times per week in school using TT Rock Stars and other resources but please also encourage your child to **access TTRockStars and Numbots at home** through our school subscription. Towards the summer the children will take part in a statutory times tables screening assessment.

Pick & Mix Homework

Each week the children will be expected to complete 1 piece of pick & mix homework. Children can complete the activities in any order. We want children to be creative and follow their interest in learning based around a topic. This will be **set at the beginning of each half term and checked every Thursday.**

P.E

This term Year 4 have P.E on Mondays. The children should come to school in their school uniform and they will get changed for PE before the lesson (please keep P.E kits in school Monday-Friday as sometimes the day changes). Children may be outside for PE lessons for some of this school term, so please ensure that their kit is suitable for cold weather.

May we take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your co-operation and support over this next term, together, we look forward to another successful .

Yours sincerely,

Miss Brown and Miss O'hare

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Basic uniform items (such as trousers, skirts, shoes etc.) can be bought from any shop, specific items with the All Saints' logo (such as sweatshirts, P.E kit etc.) are to be ordered online from www.brigade.uk.com please be careful to search for:



- **White shirt, blouse or white polo top** (wearing short sleeved tops is advisable when painting etc.)
- **Grey or black trousers, skirt, *pinafore dress, tailored shorts (in summer)**
Not skinny trousers, jeans, tracksuit bottoms, leggings, jeggings or baggy long shorts.
(Leggings can be worn, under trousers or skirts instead of tights, but must be grey or black).
- **Royal blue sweat shirt or cardigan with school logo (please note school fleeces are for outdoor wear only)**
- **Blue and white gingham dress in the summer**
- **Grey, black or white socks or tights**
- **Sensible black shoes (no trainers, boots - including ankle boots, high heels, flip-flops or open toed sandals)** If children wear boots or wellies to school they must bring a pair of shoes. Children should wear shoes that they can fasten themselves.
- **Undergarments** (such as long-sleeved tops worn under shirts) need to be white. Underpants must be worn.
- **For P.E. - royal blue T-shirt with school logo or plain white T-shirt and royal blue or black shorts** - Not long, baggy fashion shorts. Plain dark coloured tracksuits can be worn for P.E during cold weather if desired.
 - **plimsolls (or trainers for older pupils)**

N.B. All clothing and possessions must be named.

JEWELLERY ITEMS

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school.

The exceptions to this rule are:

- earring studs, however these must be removed for P.E and swimming. If a child cannot remove them themselves these should be removed at home before coming to school on P.E / swimming days. We advise that any new ear piercing should be done at the beginning of the summer holidays, to allow for the 6 weeks 'non-removal' time to have elapsed before the return to school. If there is some overlap, earrings can be covered with tape for a short period.
- Watches - these must be traditional watches not 'toy' type watches, with logos, buttons etc.

MAKE-UP and HAIR

- Wearing of make-up to school is not permitted.
- If children have long hair it should be tied back for health and safety reasons.
- Fashion hair styles such as dyed or shaved sections, extensions, shaved patterns or ornate decorations are not permitted. Hair bands or bobbles etc. should be subtle and appropriate with uniform. i.e black, blue, brown, white.

