



The Year Ahead

Year 2

2023-24

OUR CLASS

STAFF

Class Teachers: Mrs Rutt (M,T,W), Mrs Francis (W, Th, Fr)

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Gray, Mrs Sheppard, Mrs Treacy, Mrs Evans

PPA

Classroom teachers are released from their timetable for Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA). In our class this is covered by Mrs Sturgess on a Wednesday afternoon.

We will also have PE lessons from a Sports Coach through Kitteridge All Sports, and Mrs. Wignall will lead our Forest School Lessons (when it's our turn!).

Children

29 children

Classroom organisation is a mixture of whole class, group, paired and individual teaching. There is an emphasis on children working practically as well as recording their learning. The children are in team groups named after the oceans (That we are learning about). The children will also be grouped flexibly for Maths, Writing and Phonics. We will organise the children into pairs called learning partners and this will change approximately every three weeks.

Curriculum, Timetable and Year Plans

Please see the attached timetables, Curriculum Year Plan and Curriculum Newsletter for Autumn. You can also find this information on the website: [Allsaints.herts.sch.uk - Curriculum](https://allsaints.herts.sch.uk)

Please note there will NOT be Year 2 SATS this Year or following years. Instead the children will be assessed formally and informally like the rest of the classes and this will be reported as normal through Parent Consultations(Pupil Review) and Reports.

Expectations & Behaviour

As you can see from the curriculum plans, there is a lot to work through and expectations are high. Each child is expected to **'try their best'** in every aspect of their school life, including class-work, behaviour and attitude to others. They are also expected to follow the school's values.


As a class we have developed a Class Charter of 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' and we use this to guide conversations about what is going well or what could be improved. We follow the school's Positive Relationship and Behaviour Policy; the policy is available on the website.

Class Rewards include

- Merits for learning related achievements
- House points for demonstrating the values of the school. Those gaining a house point also get a lucky dip A raffle ticket is given and placed into a box. At the end of each week, a draw takes place and a prizes given for the winning tickets.

Please ensure that no items from home are brought into school unless requested by the class teachers.

Parent Handbook



There is a comprehensive 'Parent Handbook' prepared each year with information about:

- Home/School Communication (PLEASE read the fortnightly Newsletter!)
- Parent Consultations (Pupil Reviews)
- School meals
- Uniform
- Dropping off/collection arrangements
- Breakfast Club
- After School Clubs
- Punctuality and Attendance (including Holidays in Term Time)

You can find it here: [Allsaints.herts.sch.uk - Parents](https://allsaints.herts.sch.uk/Parents)

Helping your child at home

Daily Reading: Encourage your child to read to you or another available person **every day** in order to share in the book(s) they have brought home, even if they are a fluent reader! Listen to them read, or read together (taking it in turns, or you reading to them), and then discuss the book/section together. This ensures that your child has fully understood what they have read and not simply 'listed' words on a page.

All children are given a book to read at home. This will be from a specific book band (matched to phonics stage) or section of the library (for those beyond specific phonics teaching). Within the band/section, children have free choice or if they're struggling may be guided to choose something they might like.

Choosing the same book to read again is OK! In fact, in the OFSTED Reading Framework (2021), they reiterate what teachers have known for a long time: re-reading of a text improves accuracy and fluency which leads to stronger comprehension (think about how children love to hear the same stories, play with the same toy, or do the same thing over and over again when very young...). Of course, variety is also good...

In our class, books are changed by the children (with guidance) weekly. Please sign the reading record book when you have read with your child and we would love it if you could aim to do this at least once a week. Please also sign up to use the Bishop's Stortford library. It is free!!

We also have a session called 'Book Club' This is to encourage a love of reading (please see the attached sheet), Children can bring in any reading material from home if they chose to do so and will spend time sharing their book with others. We will also be sending home a bookmark, later in the term, which includes the type of questions that can be asked to develop comprehension skills.


We aim to listen to every child read regularly, at least once every fortnight.

Phonics / Spelling:

We teach Phonics every day using the Twinkl Phonics Scheme. Each week focuses on a target sound or way of representing that sound. Every day has a different focus including reading, writing, spelling and sentence formation.

The scheme also include words the children should know how to spell either because it is a high frequency word that has been learnt before or because it is a word that include the previous weeks spellings. This is checked informally on a Monday. We will send home a bookmark on a Monday with this weeks focus sounds. Please keep these to help at home.

Number facts: It is vital that children are fluent in their recall of number facts that they know their number bonds to 10 and can count confidently forwards and backwards between 0-100. We will begin to look at 2,5 and 10 times table facts during the year. There is a free app called 'White Rose 1 minute Maths' which can be downloaded and is useful revision of key mental arithmetic.



Handwriting and Number formation: Please help your child to practise the correct letter and number formation so they are able to clearly represent their thinking in lessons. 'Writing Wizard' is a fun and cheap app you might like to use.

Home learning Tasks: We set weekly tasks on a **Friday** on Google Classroom. Copies will be given to the children but it will also be available on Google Classroom if the book has accidentally been left at school! All tasks are due to be completed and in school by the following **Wednesday**. All instructions for the home learning will be shared with the class on Fridays.

Our home learning will always be the same activities:

- Reading daily
- Phonics minibook to read and keep at home
- Reading comprehension for the minibook. This can be stuck in the home learning book but has adult guidance on the back.
- Maths fluency task usually practical.

Trip

We are in the process of planning a trip so please look out for further information. Given the costs of such trips we may ask in advance if you are happy to pay the required amount.

Keeping in Touch

We use a range of things in school to keep you informed:

- Arbor -app and communication
- Fortnightly Newsletter from Mr Asher (sent out by email and on the website - PLEASE READ!)
- Twitter and Facebook _ Please like our page
- Pupil Reviews (termly Parent Consultations)
- Google Classroom (Y1-Y6) / Tapestry (EYFS)

Please let us know if you need help, support or if there are changes at home (life is busy, but we know children can be affected by even small things at home). **You can get in touch:**

- Collection time in the afternoons at the class door (Drop off in the mornings is not the best time, but leave a message with the member of SLT on the gate and we'll get back to you as soon as we can)
- Through the school office
 - Telephone 01279 836006 - Mrs Hatch/Mrs Perryman or Miss Kimberley will let us know to get in touch or pass on the message
 - Email: admin@allsaints.herts.sch.uk

Please tell us your child's name and class, it really helps us to get back to you quicker.

- Google Classroom – although we don't check this regularly and it is 'public' to the class...

If you need to speak to **Mr Asher**, he is often on the gate in the morning, or you can contact him through the school office.

For help with Special Educational Needs, **Mrs Moore** is available:

- senco@allsaints.herts.sch.uk
- Telephone: 01279 836006

Uniform & PE

Please see the school website for the full [uniform policy](#). Non-uniform days are held throughout the year – see the Newsletter for when. Some children may have adaptations made to their uniform in line with their particular needs – this will be agreed with parents individually.

PE takes place on Wednesday and Friday.

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit (named!) on these days.



School PE Kit is:

- Plain navy shorts
- Sky blue t-shirt (or polo shirt in KS2) – with school logo (optional)
- Plain black or dark trainers
- Navy/black track suit or joggers (no hoods for tops)

For Health & Safety reasons, children should remember to tie long hair up. We actively discourage wearing jewellery (including earrings) on PE days – children will be required to remove any jewellery before participating in PE lessons. Please do this in the morning before school as we can't help the children and don't want to lose precious earrings.

Forest school and Yoga: We will have these classes later in the school year instead of one of our PE sessions. Look out for information as the children may need PE kit or warm clothing on different days.

Useful E-mail Addresses:

Mrs Hatch/Miss Kimberley, School Office: admin@allsaints.herts.sch.uk – for general and wider school information and to inform school of or give reasons for absences.

Mrs Perryman, Finance: finance@allsaints.herts.sch.uk – for school meal payments, after school clubs, breakfast club, trips and medical needs.

Mrs Moore, SENCO: senco@allsaints.herts.sch.uk – for support with Special Educational Needs, Mental Health and Wellbeing

Safeguarding / Welfare Support: dsl@allsaints.herts.sch.uk – for concerns about safeguarding or welfare support (such as holiday meal vouchers).