



Welcome to Year 3 and 4

Dear Parents / Carers,

We would like to welcome all our Year 3/4 children to the new school year and say what a positive start it has been considering the situation that we have found ourselves in since March. Our children have already started to settle into routines and have been very welcoming to any new children to All Saints'. We are very proud of them!

We would like to take this opportunity to give you some useful information about the systems in place this term for your Year 3/4 child.

The Year 3/4 team.

We would like to welcome back Miss Braeburn to the team who will be teaching Year 3 in the mornings and we would also like to welcome a new teaching assistant, Mrs Henney who will be supporting our phase this year. Mrs Elliott, Mrs Simmonds, Miss Hetherton and Mrs Schofield are teachers supported by HLTAs Mrs Dennison and Mrs Horsman.

Maths and English Groups

For maths and English, our children are taught in single year, mixed ability groups. These lessons happen daily and give teachers the opportunity to focus the learning specifically to the National curriculum intended for that year group. Mrs Elliott and Miss Hetherton will teach Y4. Mrs Simmonds and Miss Braeburn will teach Y3. For all other areas of the curriculum pupils will be taught in their classes.

PE/ Swimming

PE lessons take place on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings for Year 3 and 4. Please could children come to school dressed in appropriate, named PE kit on the days that they have PE and remain in their kit for the day. We do expect them to look smart, wearing appropriate clothing with limited branding. Our kit consists of a red school sweatshirt/ cardigan, plain white T- shirt, plain black shorts/black tracksuit bottoms. Children may come to school in school shoes and change into either pumps, if indoors, or trainers if outdoors. Please also make sure that no jewellery is worn for PE and that clothing is clearly labelled. Owing to existing building work taking place on site, PE sessions will commonly take place outside, so we do urge that children wear jogging bottoms to keep warm. Leggings will not be suitable for this, especially in the winter months.

As soon as we get the go ahead from Bradford swimming pools that Ilkley pool is available to provide swimming lessons, Year 4 will be swimming on Friday mornings as their PE lesson. We will contact you as soon as we get a starting date later in the term.

Curriculum

As much as possible, we teach in a cross-curricular way, through themes, with English, History, Geography, IT, DT, Art links. All children in Y3/4 also have a French lesson each week.

Healthy Snacks and water bottles

With the current restrictions, school is unable to provide tuckshop snack during morning break. However, we are looking to open tuckshop up again and a separate communication will be sent shortly. Your child is encouraged to bring a healthy and filling snack to keep them going until lunchtime. Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle, freshly cleaned and filled each day for them to keep with them.

Homework

We welcome parental support with homework and would like to get into the homework routine as quickly as we can. Here is an overview of the weekly homework expectations.

Homework	Timescale
Reading	<p>Regular reading of school reading book or another age appropriate book, recorded in their reading diary with a comment from the child about their book or the pages read.</p> <p>Due to the need to quarantine books on their return to school, classes will have a set day to return books and get two new books.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesdays = 4S • Wednesdays = 4H • Thursdays = 4E
Reading comprehension activity or similar	<p>Given Monday to return the following Monday to group teacher. Homework should be recorded in their homework books. When activities are linked to theme work the hand in day may change. This will be made clear to the children. Reading comprehension activities are intended to be an opportunity for discussion between adult and child to develop their understanding of texts.</p>
Spelling activities	<p>Activities set on Mondays to support the learning of spelling. Work to be done in blue spelling homework books and returned the following Monday when a dictation will be given to check spellings learnt.</p>
<p>Maths activities (Education City and Times Table Rockstars)</p> <p>Should your child not have access to a tablet or computer, please let their class teacher know.</p>	<p>Your child has an account on the Times Tables Rockstars Website. Each child has a schedule set for them by their group teacher for them to practise multiplication and division facts for the appropriate times tables. By the end of Year 3, children need to know 2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 4s and 8s. At the end of Year 4, pupils will be assessed on their rapid recall of all the multiplication and division facts up to 12 x12.</p> <p>To support learning within maths lessons, your child will also be set homework on Education City each week. They will be expected to attempt two maths activities on this website. These activities will go live after school on Friday and they are to be completed by the following Friday.</p>

Finally...

You are very welcome to talk to staff about anything which might arise over the year. Please contact the office should you wish to get in contact with any of our teaching staff.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Elliott, Mrs Simmonds, Miss Hetherington and Miss Braeburn.

Year 3/4 Staff – September 2020



Mrs Elliot – 4E



Miss Hetherton – 4H



Mrs Simmonds – 4S



Mrs Dennison



Mrs Horsman



Mrs Schofield

Miss Braeburn

Mrs Henney