

All Saints' CE Primary School

Autumn Term

YEAR R/1



Dear families,

I hope you have all had a happy and restful summer break. We are very excited to begin a new academic year together in **Ruby Class** and I am looking forward to working with you and your children.

I will be teaching the class from Tuesday to Thursday, Ms Chambers will be teaching the class on Mondays. On Wednesday afternoons, Mrs Bourton will be teaching the class. Our support staff are Mrs Graham, Miss Griffin, Mrs Lavery and Mrs Atkinson (mornings). We are lucky to have such a fantastic team in place to support the children throughout the year.

This term we will be exploring a range of **fun and engaging topics** that link closely to the EYFS Framework and National Curriculum, while also building on the children's own interests and ideas. We want to make learning enjoyable, creative, and memorable, while also ensuring that the children are challenged and supported to make great progress in their learning.

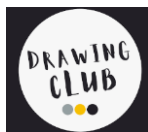
Phonics and reading

Phonics will be taught daily, using the **Little Wandle phonics programme**. Reception will be beginning their reading journey and the Year 1 children will be following on from the learning the children secured in Reception last year. This will be supported by regular group and independent reading sessions.

Children will be given reading books that match their current ability and will bring these home to share with you. It is vital that children **read with an adult for at least 15 minutes each day**. Alongside their school reading book, we also encourage families to share a wide range of books from home or the local library and our share box.

Please record all reading in your child's **reading record**, including comments about their progress, confidence, or enjoyment. This really helps us to track their development and celebrate their achievements. Please ensure children's reading books are in school every day.

Writing



What is Drawing Club? Drawing Club is an approach designed by Greg Bottrill that immerses children into a world full of imagination. It is through drawing club that we open up the magic world of stories to children, whilst at the same time enriching and developing their language and fine motor skills.

Drawing Club is based upon the 3M principle. These are making conversation, mark making and mathematics. We use a book or animation as a stimulus for the week. Children learn new, exciting vocabulary that is revisited each day. We draw characters, settings and an 'I wonder'. Children observe as the teacher models Drawing Club each morning and then get the opportunity to complete their own drawings and writing. They can borrow ideas from the teacher or create their own to share. Pupils add symbols and passwords to their drawings in the form of marks, words, phrases and sentences to allow the 'magic' of the story to happen.

THE 3MS...

MAKING CONVERSATION:

TALKING CONFIDENTLY, USING NEW VOCABULARY,
LISTENING, SHARING IDEAS, HAVING CONVERSATION
BACK AND FORTH, COLLABORATING, RESPECTING AND
HELPING ONE ANOTHER

MARK MAKING:

WRITING AT THE CUSP OF CONFIDENCE, READING WITH
INTEREST, DEVELOPING PHONIC KNOWLEDGE,
DISCOVERING THE ART OF MESSAGING, INCREASING
FINE MOTOR CONTROL WITH PURPOSE

MATHEMATICS:

DRAWING IS FULL OF MATHEMATICAL OPPORTUNITIES -
COUNTING, COMPARING, ADDING, TAKING AWAY,
DIVIDING, NUMERAL WRITING AND RECOGNITION - ALL
THE TIME BUILDING CONFIDENCE THROUGH PURPOSE

Homework

R: Maths and Phonics homework will be given related to their weekly learning.

Y1: Maths, Phonics, Spellings.

The login for both Spelling Shed and Maths Shed can be found on the inside cover of your child's reading record.

Homework is designed to be **fun and interactive**, and it provides children with the opportunity to embed their learning from the school week while involving families in the process.

PE

PE lessons will take place on Monday and Thursday. These sessions will be a mix of indoor and outdoor activities, so please ensure that your child has a suitable PE kit in school at all times. Kits should include clothing for both warm and cold weather, including a jumper and joggers during the colder months.

PE kits will stay in school and be sent home at the end of each half term for washing. Please make sure that **long hair is tied back** and that **no jewellery** is worn on PE days.



ClassDojo

Please sign up to Class Dojo for school announcements.

We are very much looking forward to the year ahead and to sharing the children's achievements with you. Thank you in advance for your support – together, we can make this a successful and enjoyable year for every child in Ruby Class.

Mrs Howie & Ms Chambers

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

- **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.

Timetable

Whilst we endeavor stick to the class timetable as much as possible, on occasions it is subject to change as we embrace the children's interests, celebrate significant event and hold 'topic days' etc.

Monday	Soft start	Collective worship	Little W reading	Maths (Y1 MN/Fluency)	B R E A K	Phonics	English	L U N C H	RE (BRAVE)	PE Hall	PSHE	Story
		MN (Rec)					Continuous Provision		Continuous Provision			
Tuesday		Collective worship	Little W reading	Drawing Club		Phonics	Maths		MN (Y1)	TOPIC Continuous Provision		
		MN (Rec)					Continuous Provision					
Wednesday		Collective worship	Little W reading	Drawing Club		Phonics	Maths		MN (Y1)	TOPIC Music Art		
		MN (Rec)					Continuous Provision					
Thursday		Phonics	Drawing Club			Collective Worship	Maths		PE	TOPIC Continuous Provision		
			Continuous Provision				Continuous Provision					
Friday		Collective Worship	Drawing Club			Phonics	Maths		Handwriting			
			Continuous Provision				Continuous Provision		TOPIC Continuous Provision			