



## MARS CLASS      SPRING TERM 2024

**Reading:** In Mars class, we enjoy a positive reading environment in which books are enjoyed and shared together. Pupils are given daily opportunities to listen to stories and join in with songs and nursery rhymes. Children will take books home once a week, they will be carefully matched to their phonic ability. At the start of the year the books will be pictures only to encourage your child's story telling abilities. Children will move on to worded books once we have introduced sounds and the individual child is ready.

We encourage you to read with your child every day, this could be them reading their schools books to an adult, or an adult reading a story book to the child. Having a love of reading is a crucial building block to support them in their phonics as they progress through school. We encourage sharing of books so when

your child has particularly enjoyed a book, they can bring it in to school to share with the class.

Reading books are swapped every **Tuesday**, please return them to school on **Monday** so that we have time to swap them. You can access further reading eBooks at home through the Oxford Owl eBook Library <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/> Please ask Miss Brown if you would like the Class Login.

**Phonics:** At All Saints, we follow Read Write Inc to teach Phonics. In Reception, children will be introduced to the set 1 sounds in the autumn term and practise Fred talk. 'Fred talk' is sound blending – a crucial first step in both reading and writing, you can find out more information here: [Parent video: Sound blending - YouTube](#)

We will also be looking at the red words: I, the, of, my, to, no, into, your, said, you, he, she, are, me, go, all, like

In the spring term, children are introduced to the set 2 sounds.

You can practise the sounds at home using the green /yellow books provided to you by school. We encourage you to practise each day for a few minutes. We also encourage you to practise Fred talk each day. For further information on how to support your child with Read Write Inc Phonics at home, please take a look at: [Parent guide to Read Write Inc. Phonics - Oxford Owl](#)

**Maths:** In Mars Class, we will be recapping numbers 1– 5 and looking at numbers 6 – 10 this term. We will be learning the numerals, quantities and to subitise (recognise without counting) for these numbers. It is important that the children can recognise that numbers do not always look the same. For example, 3 can be represented in all the ways shown below (and many more).



We will also be looking at 2D & 3D shapes, one more and one less, comparing size, mass and capacity, ordering and sequencing time and exploring and continuing simple patterns.

**PE:** In Spring term, PE will be on a Monday and a Friday. This term we are focussing on dance and ball skills. Please come in PE kit on Mondays and Fridays.

### **Understanding The World (science):**

We will be looking at growth and lifecycles in animals and plants. We will also be making observations on the seasonal changes that come in Spring.

### **Art:**

We will be looking at the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo this term.

### **Topic: Spectacular Space**

#### **The children will be exploring the following areas:**

Read the following stories:

- Whatever next
- Q Pootle 5
- Dogs in space
- Rocket says look up
- Meet the planets
- The darkest dark
- On the moon
- Rocketmole
- The incredible intergalactic journey home

We will discuss what we already know about space and what we would like to know

We will look at the different planets in our solar system

We will learn about the first moon landing

We will look at what you must do to become an Astronaut and we will look at certain astronauts such as Neil Armstrong, Tim Peake and Chris Hadfield

The following grid contains some suggestions of activities your child may like to complete at home to support them with the work we do in class. We would love to see any completed tasks and they will have an opportunity to share them in class.

<b>Make a spaceship!</b> Use your recycling at home to build your very own spaceship	<b>Design your own alien – Can you label its features? E.g. three red hands, big sharp teeth</b>	<b>Make a space themed book mark!</b>
<b>Role play a rocket launch or the first moon landing!</b> <b>Get into character – how would the astronauts feel?</b>	<b>Bake some space rock cakes</b>  <b>Recipe:</b> <a href="#">Yummy Space Rock Bun Recipe to Cook with Kids</a> ( <a href="http://rainydaymum.co.uk">rainydaymum.co.uk</a> )	<b>Use blocks or duplo to make your own rocket. How tall is it? Can you build a launch pad?</b>
<b>Make a rocket launcher</b>  <a href="#">Rocket STEAM Activity for Kids</a> ( <a href="http://rainydaymum.co.uk">rainydaymum.co.uk</a> )	<b>Write a list of what you would take to space</b>	<b>Do some cosmic kids yoga</b>  <a href="#">Mike and Muttnik on The Moon   A Cosmic Kids Yoga Adventure!</a> ( <a href="http://youtube.com">youtube.com</a> )

## **Useful websites for Phonics and Maths**

Home Time Ladybirds game (subitising numbers to 9)

<https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/homeTimeLadybirds/>

Teddy Numbers Game

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/teddy-numbers>

Adding to 10

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/addition/addition-to-10>

Subtraction within 10

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/subtraction/subtraction-to-10>

Underwater Counting game

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/underwater-counting>

Maths games for 3-5 year olds

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

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Speed sounds practice sheets

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

*Please scroll down the page – look for Set 1 / Set 2 (downloadable as PDF)*

Phonics play

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

*please ask the Class teacher for the username and password*