****MARS CLASSSPRING TERM 2025

**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 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 into 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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNyFikwNQTg)

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

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

You can practise the sounds at home using the green and 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](https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/)

**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).

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| A black background with a black square  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | A cartoon of a ladybug  Description automatically generated | 3 | Three (character)/Gallery | Numberblocks Wiki | Fandom | Best Chocolate Cupcake Recipe - Salt & Baker | 3 Inch Solid Wood Blocks by Sustainable Things : Amazon.co.uk | 2 + 1 | A colorful cubes on a white background  Description automatically generated | How to Make a Triangle in Illustrator (Updated 2022) | A black line on a white background  Description automatically generated |

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 Andy Goldsworthy this term.

**Topic: Big journeys, little explorers**

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

* Rainforest
* Savannah
* Ocean
* Antarctica (& tundra areas)

We will be reading the following stories:

* Lost and found
* Little polar bear, where are you going Lars?
* One day on our blue planet in the Rainforest
* One day on our blue planet in the Savannah
* One day on our blue planet in the Antarctic
* One day on our blue planet in the Ocean

What are the different environments on our planet?

What is each environment like?

What would you find in the rainforest / savannah / ocean / Antarctic?

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.

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| Premium Vector | Yellow suitcase with stickers for use in clipart**Pack a bag for a holiday. Are you going somewhere hot or cold? What will you need?**  | Art. Paper. Scissors. Glue!: Winter Polar Bears**Think of your favourite animal. Where does it live? Draw a picture of what it’s home would look like.**  | **Make some jungle crafts!**  |
| **Go on a bug hunt!****What bugs can you find? Where do they live?**Free Vectors | Magnifying Glass Red | **Do some beach themed baking!**Toilet Paper Snake - My Bright Ideas[**30+ Beach Themed Recipes for Summer**](https://easyfamilyrecipeideas.com/beach-themed-recipes/) | **Make a toilet roll snake!** |

**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

Oxford Owl free Ebooks

https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/

Read Write Inc free Ebooks

https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/home/reading-site/find-a-book/library-page?view=image&query=&type=book&age\_group=&level=&level\_select=&book\_type=&series=Read+Write+Inc.#

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*