

Three Saints Federation



Shepton Beauchamp Church School & St Mary & St Peter's Church School

Together We Flourish

9th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the Autumn term! I hope you had a great summer break and all ready for new academic year. The team are so excited to be with Gryphon class again and continue to build upon all their amazing achievements from last year. Mrs Hallesy will be teaching Gryphon class Monday – Wednesday and Friday afternoon and Mrs McKay will be teaching Thursday and Friday morning. Mrs Hallesy will still be in class Thursday and Friday to support. Mrs Cann and Mrs Lock will be continuing supporting the class throughout the week as normal.

Curriculum:

In History, we will build on our Summer topic and explore the effects of the Roman withdrawal and the chronology and geography of subsequent invasions. Gryphon will study the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in detail, examining their reasons for invading, their settlements and their everyday life. We will also look at monasteries and the Anglo-Saxon legacy and consider how we know about life in this period. The class will investigate the Sutton Hoo ship burial. We will learn about Athelstan, an Anglo-Saxon king, and what happened after his death, before ending the project by learning about the Norman invasion of 1066.

In Science, we will be learning about food and the digestive system. This will involve learning about two scientific diagrams, a food chain and a food web, finding out what these diagrams are and what they show. The class will then learn about the digestive system of humans, naming the digestive organs, describing their functions and finding out what happens to the food they eat. They will learn the names and functions of the four types of human teeth and identify the differences between the teeth of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

In Sound, Gryphon class will learn that sounds are vibrations that travel from sound sources, such as a person's vocal chords, musical instruments or pieces of machinery, through a solid, liquid or gas to the ears. They will explore the parts of instruments that vibrate to make sound and investigate the pitch, volume, distance and direction of sound. Gryphon class will learn how sound waves are made and how they travel from a sound source to the ear.

In Art, Gryphon class will learn about the artform of weaving and how it has developed over time, including the materials and techniques required to create woven patterns and products. If you have any resources linked to weaving and would be happy to donate, it would greatly appreciated. Also, if you have an experience with weaving which you could share with the class or would like to come and support, please let me know!



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PE: Our PE days for this term are **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Please make a note of the P.E. days for which your child will need a named P.E. kit in school which include trainers.

Home Learning: I am aware I spoke with lots of families regarding home learning last year and how to support all children. I will be reviewing this during this half term and would appreciate any feedback from families regarding home learning. In the meantime, we will continue with the same format as last year.

Reading regularly is so important to ensure children are confident and fluent readers and can access the full curriculum. We ask families to encourage your child to read for at least fifteen minutes each night. I will be checking reading records through the week – please can you write when you have read with your child to help us track readers in school.

Alongside reading, Gryphon class can access Times Table Rock Stars at home. We encourage pupils to be logging into Times Table Rock Stars 3 times a week for no more than 10 minutes at a time.

Spelling will continue to be a focus this term. Pupils will have 6-8 spellings each week linked to either a focus spelling pattern or key year group spellings. These will be set on a **Monday** and written in their reading records and will then be tested the **following Monday**. Pupils will also have the opportunity to practise their spellings within school during the week. Below are different ways for pupils to learn and remember their spellings.

Keep Copying

Write your words out three times each. Use different colours if you want to.

spelling
spelling
spelling

Make the Headlines

Cut letters out of newspapers or magazines and stick them onto paper to make the words in your list.



Build a Pyramid

Make a pyramid using the letters in your words.

w
wo
wor
word
words

Create with Colour

Write your words with each letter in a different colour, or write them with all the vowels in blue and all the consonants in red.

spelling
spelling

Capital Idea

Write your words three times, each in capital letters.

SPELLING
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Learn Your ABC

Write your words in alphabetical order, then rewrite them in order of the second letter, third letter and so on.

my
words
spelling
spelling
words
my

A few quick reminders: Please make sure **long hair is tied up** whilst at school and **no jewellery** to be worn in school. If your child has ear piercings, these must be small, plain studs and not to be worn into school on P.E. days, please. **Please ensure your child has a raincoat as our intention is to use our outdoor spaces and play areas as much as possible – even if it is raining.**

We would like to continue to build on links with the community and our families and would warmly welcome visitors to come in and to be part of the school. If you are interested in supporting with readers or helping with our garden area, please let me know as we would love to have you in!

We will continue to share our learning each week during our Family assembly on a Friday.

If you have anything you would like to ask or need to tell the team, please either email or telephone the office and we will call you back at the end of the school day. Alternatively, Mrs Hallesy and Mrs McKay will be available at the start and end of the day, at the school gate or in the playground.

Thank you for all your continued support

Mrs Kirsty Luffman



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