



Autumn Term Newsletter 2024

Year 4

“With Christ as our guide, we inspire and thrive”

Welcome: Welcome back to the start of the school term! The year 4 team are looking forward to working with you and your children this year. During this year, Year 4 will have their PE on Fridays. For this term we will be having swimming lessons so children will need to wear their PE kit to school and bring their swimming kit. Every Monday, Home Learning will be set to be completed by the following Monday, giving the children a week to complete all tasks to the best of their abilities. Please ensure reading books and water bottles are brought into school each day.

Thank you,

Miss Ellison

Religious Education: This term we will be focussing on the following:

Topic – Domestic Church – People – Our family and the family of God.

Topic – Baptism/Confirmation – Called – What is it like to be called and chosen?

Topic – Advent/Christmas – Gifts – Learning about how we give and receive gifts, as a symbol of love.

Year 4 will also spend some time this term learning about the other faith ‘Judaism’.

RSE: The theme is: ‘**Journey in Love**’ which focuses on understand why people choose to get married and what it means to them. Look at what a marriage ceremony might involve. We will also continue to work on the **Commando Joe’s** scheme of work where Year 4 will continue to learn about teamwork, patience, communication and resilience.

Mathematics: This term we will be focussing on **representing, partitioning and ordering numbers to 10,000**. We will also be looking at **Adding and Subtracting 4-digit numbers** and strategies to do this. We will be looking at what **Area** is and how to make a range of shapes and how to compare the area of these. Also, will also be looking at our **3, 6, 7 and 9 times tables** and how to apply these in our maths questions. All these skills will be applied into real life context to develop mathematical understanding of the key concepts.

Reading: This term we will be looking at the books ‘**A World Full of Animal Stories**’ By Angela McAllister & **The Train to Impossible Places** by P.G Bell. Throughout these we will be learning to ask questions to improve our understanding and to draw inferences about characters’ feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions.

Writing: This term we will be focusing on the book **Gorilla** by Anthony Browne (fiction-fantasy). Within our writing, will be focusing on choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately to avoid repetition and how to expand noun phrases. We will also look at organising paragraphs around a theme. We will also be looking at the book **Leon and the Place Between** by Grahame Baker Smith & Angela McAllister (recount-diary). Within our writing, we will be focussing on extending the range of our sentences by using a wider range of conjunctions and writing in consistent past tense.

Spelling: This term we will be focusing on the following:

- adding -ing, -ed, -er, and -est to words of one syllable ending in a vowel consonant.
- Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable.
- Beginning to learn Year 4 common exception words.

Grammar: This term, we will be focusing on several key areas of Grammar. We will learn to use prepositions, conjunctions, and adverbs to express time, place, and cause. Additionally, we will work on choosing nouns or pronouns effectively for clarity and cohesion, avoiding unnecessary repetition. We will also practise using fronted adverbials and extend our sentence range by combining clauses with a wider variety of conjunctions.

How you can help at home: Please encourage your children to read daily to allow them to complete a variety of books, which will develop a love for reading and a good comprehension of what they have read. Weekly timetable practice is also highly recommended as Year 4 will complete the National Times table tests at the end of the school Year.

Science: This term in Science, Year 4 will be exploring the topic of '**Animals, including Humans**', with a focus on food and digestion. They will learn about the functions of the organs within the digestive system and how they work together to process food. We will also be looking at '**States of Matter**' and we will be learning to provide a definition of what solids, liquids and gases are and provide examples that are natural and man-made and Investigating how solids, liquids and gases are states of matter and can be changed from one form to another.

Computing: The theme is **THE INTERNET**, and we will be focussing on: Computing systems and networks –We will look at what the internet is made of and what a website is. We will also be focusing on '**Amination and effective Searching**' where we will be looking at how animations are created by hand and find out how 2Animate animations can be created in a similar way using technology

History: The theme is **The Ancient Greeks**, and we will be focussing on: When and where did the Ancient Greeks civilisation start? How can we find out about the civilisation of Ancient Greece? And can we thank the Ancient Greeks for anything in our lives today?

Geography: The theme is **The Mediterranean** and we will be focussing on: Using a range of maps to start investigating the continent, its principal cities, coastlines, nations, rivers and mountains. What is so special about The Mediterranean? What are some of its human and natural wonders? What connections do we have to it?

Art: This term, we will be exploring **Storytelling Through Drawing**, with a focus on the work of artists **Shaun Tan** and **Laura Carlin**. Students will learn how to tell stories through their drawings, use text to add meaning, and sequence their artwork to engage viewers. They will also explore how line, shape, colour, and composition can be used to create evocative and characterful imagery.

Music: The theme for this term is **Singing** in which we are learning to sing 'This Little Light of Mine'. We will be developing a love for singing through this expressive call-and-response Gospel song based on a pentatonic scale.

French: The themes that we will be focusing on are: **My School** and **My Town**. Throughout these we will be developing our vocabulary and developing out French sentences through using key words and phrases.

PSHE: The themes that we will be focusing on are **respect, problem solving** and **resourcefulness, leadership** and the **impact of bullying and discrimination**.

PE / Sports: This term in PE, Year 4 will be participating in **swimming** lessons. They will focus on developing water confidence, swimming techniques, and water safety skills.

How you can help at home (in relation to the above subjects): To support your child at home, please encourage them to complete all set home learning tasks and engage in discussions about their learning. You can further explore their interests through days out, creative activities, research, or by sharing your own knowledge to help keep their love of learning alive.