

YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

THIS TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the latest update on what we will be learning in Year 4 this term. It's going to be a busy and exciting time as we explore a variety of topics across the curriculum. Here's a quick look at what we'll be focusing on:

HOMEWORK

We recommend reading with your child for 10 minutes, five times weekly.
TTRS – 10 mins a day

READING

We will be diving into the thrilling world of Varjak Paw and exploring extracts from a range of texts linked to the story.

Our focus will be on developing key reading skills including inference, summarising, deduction and comparing and contrasting texts.

Reading is at the heart of everything we do and we'll be using these skills across all subjects.

REMINDERS

School begins at 8:50am every day.
Please ensure you are arriving on time each day.

WRITING

Our writing topics this term include:

Stories from Other Cultures – we'll explore characters, settings and problems from around the world.

Persuasive Writing – children will practise convincing others using powerful arguments and evidence.

Explanatory Texts – learning how to clearly explain processes and ideas.

Third Person

Adventure Stories – creating gripping tales filled with action and suspense.

Poems Which Explore Form – experimenting with poetic techniques and structures.

COMPUTING

This term, we'll be focusing on Data Logging and Digital Literacy. Children will learn how to collect and use data while developing safe and responsible online habits as part of our work on Internet safety.

MATHS

- Building confidence in our times tables ready for the Year 4 MTC.
- Multiplication and Division strategies to solve problems.
- Exploring Length and Perimeter.
- Decimals and Fractions to deepen our understanding of number.

PE

Our PE lessons will include:

- Gymnastics – developing strength, control and flexibility.
- Team sports such as basketball, football and cricket – focusing on skills, tactics and teamwork.

MUSIC

This term, we'll be singing and learning to play the ukulele.

Children will develop rhythm, pitch and coordination as they learn to play songs together.

RE

In RE, we'll be studying From Galilee to Jerusalem and continuing to explore Catholic Social Teaching which helps us think about how we can care for others in our community and the wider world.

SCIENCE

- This term, we'll focus on:
- Ecology – exploring how living things interact with their environment and the importance of protecting ecosystems.
- Sound – investigating how sounds are made, how they travel and how we can change pitch and volume.

REMINDERS

29th January
Year 4J Stay and Pray

18th February
Parents' Consultations

11th March
Year 4 attending Mass

ART

We'll be learning how artists create the illusion of space in their work using techniques such as light, colour, shape, scale and detail.

HUMANITIES

In history, we'll explore Life in Rome and The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire. This will include investigating what made the Romans so successful and how their legacy has influenced the modern world.

Our geography focus is Eastern Europe. We'll learn about its location, physical and human features and the cultures and traditions of this fascinating part of the world.