# St Therese of LisieuxWelcome to Class 4-Spring Term

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope this year is a healthy and happy one for all

our families. The children have come back to school extremely well, they are calm and

ready to learn, a big well done to them. This term Year 1 and 2 continues to be busy and

exciting, and we are encouraging the children to become even more independent. You will

continue to receive information about whole school dates and upcoming events through

school newsletters. We want to support you in every way we can, so please don’t hesitate

to pop into class if you have any queries, or to have a look at your child’s work. We are

looking forward to working with you this term.

Thank you,

Mrs Holtby, Mrs McCabe and Mrs Moorhead

## English

In English, we will be exploring the following genres using exciting texts.

Year 1/2 will look at: Postcards and Letters, Speech and Thought Bubbles, Simple Instructions, Poetry and Recount of an Event, Story Writing, Character

Profiles. In our writing lessons, we will be learning to:

- use a range of punctuation: CL . , ? ! ‘

- use a range of conjunctions to add detail

- use adventurous adjectives and similes

- use different sentence forms (statement, command, question and exclamation)

- write in the 3rd person, present and past tense

- use alliteration and rhyming patterns

- use a range of verbs and adverbs

- to use simple joins correctly and consistently

In our reading lessons, we will be learning to:

- sequence and summarise what we have read

- increase our fluency with unfamiliar words and check that texts make sense to us

- answer questions and make inferences about texts

- explore the meaning of new words in texts

- respond to punctuation as we read - read words with a range of suffixes

**Maths**

The main areas we will cover this term are: • Multiplication and Division (practically and recalling facts).

• Statistics

• Geometry: Properties of Shape

• Fractions

The children will also be learning and consolidating their knowledge of the following KIRFS:

• 2, 5, 10 multiplication and divisions facts and counting in 3s

• Number Bonds to 100

• Addition and Subtraction Fact Families Please refer to your child’s times table (purple) book to see which times tables we are learning each week.

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##### Science

In Science, we will be learning all about everyday materials. We will be hunting for materials around our school and helping teachers sort their classroom objects in different ways. We will also be designing and building Buckingham Palace using appropriate materials, thinking about the properties of each material and which part of the castle they would be best used for. Will our castles survive an attack? We will also be doing lots of investigating materials to test which materials can be twisted, squashed, bent or stretched.

###### RE

This term in R.E., we will be exploring the topics of: ‘Books’ by looking at the different books that

help us worship and praise God; ‘Thanksgiving’ where we will learn about the Eucharist; and finally,

‘Opportunities’ through Lent and Easter. Throughout these topics we will be discussing the

following big questions: Why do we need books? Why should we be grateful people? How does

each day offer opportunities for good?

We will also be learning about Buddhism and how and why Buddhists meditate.

**PE**

In P.E., the children will be developing their knowledge of invasion games including tag rugby. We will be learning new skills to improve our individual and team performance. The children will also continue to develop their core muscles, balance and movement through dance. Our P.E. lessons are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays, however these days may change, so please ensure PE Kits (white tops, black shorts/jogging bottoms and black plimsolls) are brought to school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday.

**Computing**

This term in Computing, we are working on

our keyboard skills. We will be continuing to work on logging on to a computer and opening a word document. We are also working on

presenting and interpreting data about the

weather. We will explore different ways of

presenting data and think carefully about which

method is best to use. Children will also begin to

explore code and learn about how this helps a

computer to work.

**History and Geography**

In History we will looking closely at our Royal

Family and how they have help to shape Great

Britain. We will be looking at objects from the past

and comparing them to objects we use now. We will

begin to use timelines to share our knowledge and

understating of past and present. We will also be

learning about the Government and Parliament.

We will be improving our knowledge of locations in Geography. The children will learn to name and locate the world’s 7 continents and 5 oceans using maps. In our topic ‘Rocking all over the world’ we will name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the UK, and surrounding seas.



**Important Dates!**

These are some of the events coming up this term! Dates will follow as soon as possible:

Class mass at St. Patrick’s Church (tbc)

Stay and Pray (tbc)

Don’t forget to visit our website for more information!

**Homework**

Children in Class 5 are expected to do 30 minutes homework every school night. This consists of:

• reading (ideally with an adult);

• practising spellings of the week using the look, say, cover, write, check method;

• practising times tables or KIRFS using look, say, cover, write, check method.

• practising SPAG or reading skills

Homework books will go home on a Friday and children will return them on the following Friday for their times tables/KIRFS and spellings tests. Tests and scores are in the back of your child’s homework book for you to view. Please refer to your child’s homework books for more information and thank you for your continued support!

**Art, Music and D&T**

This term in Art, the children will work with Papier

Mache to design and create their very own royal crown. They will learn how to mould, add texture, mix paint and create patterns. In D and T, the children will be designing and creating their own royal puppets. We will use our science knowledge to choose appropriate materials. We will learn how to sew a running stitch.

In Music, we will be exploring and creating our own

rhythms and beats using our Charanga programme. We will listen to and use instruments to create a musical performance. At the end of the term, we will perform for an audience.