

### General Class Information

Ms Hancock will support the class for all areas of learning this half term.

### Reading diaries

Please ensure that your child is heard reading at least **three times a week**. This needs to be recorded in their Home/School reading diaries. Accelerated Reader recommends that children should read for 30 minutes per day for maximum progress.

### Homework and Times Tables

Homework will be given out every Wednesday and will be due in the following Wednesday. This will comprise of a piece of both Maths and Literacy work.  
We will be learning our times tables off by heart during Year 4 and we ask that you work with your children to improve their confidence in recalling multiplication facts in a variety of different ways.

### PE

Please ensure that PE kits are in school all week. Correct P.E uniform for this is a white t-shirt and navy blue shorts. Children will be carrying out activities at times outside and are advised to wear trainers if possible.

Here at St John the Evangelist's, we have an open door policy and if you would ever like to see us then please make an appointment with the school office.

Yours sincerely  
Mr Smith



## The Shang Dynasty



**Class: Year Four**  
**Term: Summer 1 2022**

## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back! Below is a brief outline of what we will be learning in each subject during the first part of our Summer Term.

### Values and Virtues

This half term our values and virtues theme is being Generous and Grateful.

Children will learn about being compassionate towards God, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day. They will understand how good it is to be loving with their gifts, becoming more focused on the needs of others and what they have to offer others as they walk forwards as Children of God.

### Religious Education

In R.E. this half term, we will be learning about the time of Easter and the impact that Jesus's resurrection had on his apostles and other followers. We will be thinking about our own understanding of the event and what it means for us over two thousand years later.

The children will have the opportunity to lead times of Collective Worship and Class based liturgy.

### English

Our focus text this half term will be 'Desirable' by Franck Cotterill Boyce. This modern novel is a humorous look at life as a modern day child facing typical growing up problems at school. Children will be focussing on developing their persuasive writing skills as well as narrative through play scripts.

### Maths

In maths, we will be developing our written strategies for multiplication and division. We will also be looking closely at the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. There will be opportunities to work closely with problem solving skills, making sure that children can approach problems in a strategic and logical way.

It is essential that the children continue to practise their multiplication tables and division facts. Children will be tested weekly on times tables.

### Science

This half-term, we will be investigating different states of matter. We will be experimenting with the changes between solids, liquids and gases. Mrs Antrobus will be teaching Science on Monday afternoons with lots of hands on activities.

### P.E

This half-term, Year 4 will be developing our skills in Athletics, Cricket and Rounders.

Our PE days will be Tuesday and Thursday, so if children can arrive to school wearing their PE kit, that would be great.

### Art

Children will be analysing the Chinese inspired Willow pattern which was famous in the Potteries during the Industrial Revolution. We will be developing our own skills of pottery inspired pattern and art work through this coming half term.

### History

This half term, we will be exploring the ancient Shang Dynasty in History. We will be taking an in depth look at the impact this civilisation had on modern ways of thinking. We will also be looking at how archaeologists today are able to learn so much from events that happened thousands of years ago.

### French

We will be learning about different forms of travel in French and developing our vocabulary relating to different lessons during a school day and also musical instruments.