

### General Class Information

Mrs Halstead and Mr Turner are the class teachers. Mrs Halstead will teach Year 4 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mr Turner/Mrs Antrobus on Thursday and Friday. Mrs Antrobus will be supporting Year 4 this year.

### 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 Spellings

The children are to use TT Rockstars, practise spellings and read AT LEAST 3 times per week. Spellings will be given during spelling lessons on a Thursday and the lists for the year are on our class page on the website.

The children will be given 4 maths operation problems or Times Tables each day along with a word a day that they are to put into a sentence once they have researched its meaning. The children will also be given a written homework that may be Maths, English or another curriculum subject on a Thursday which is to be handed in the following Wednesday.

### PE

Year 4 will have PE on a **Tuesday and Thursday**. Correct P.E uniform for this is a **navy t-shirt** and navy blue shorts. Children will be carrying out activities outside and are advised to wear trainers if possible. The children may wear a plain hoodie and jogging bottoms over their PE kit if needed, depending on the weather.

Here at St John the Evangelist, 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,  
Mrs Halstead & Mr Turner.



## How did the Romans put the great into Great Britain?



**Class: Year Four**  
**Term: Autumn Term 2023**

## WELCOME BACK

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

### Values and Virtues

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

The pupils will grow to be grateful for their own gifts and for the blessings of each day; and generous with their gifts.

What does this mean? Catholic Schools help their pupils grow by being grateful and generous by recognising the gifts that have been bestowed upon them and in the way that they use these gifts.

### Religious Education

In RE this term, children will be exploring the creation story in more depth, posing and pondering questions about what it means to be made in the image and likeness of God. They will particularly focus on how they have a responsibility to live out their lives in the image of God by using their talents. The children will have the opportunity to lead times of Collective Worship and Class based liturgy.

### English

Our focus text for this half term is 'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl Throughout the topic, we will look at dilemmas, narrative verse and poetry. Our class targets in literacy are:

Writing - to use inverted commas and paragraphs effectively

Reading - Draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions.

Writing - to use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech.

### Maths

In maths, we will look at place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication. We will also continue to develop our mental strategies. Within this unit, we will use money as context for adding and subtracting.

We will revisit multiplication and develop our written strategies for calculating multiplications of 2 digit by one digit numbers.

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 electricity. The children will learn how electric circuits can be made with different types of output. We will be carrying out tests to monitor the brightness of bulbs depending on changing variables. We will be developing our understanding to create a buzzer game that will include completing and breaking circuits..

### P.E

This half-term, Year 4 will be developing their key skills of invasion games, including Hockey and Tag Rugby. The children will also begin to play group games of rounders' and continue to refine throwing and catching skills. Please ensure children have the correct P.E for indoor and outdoor lessons .

Our P.E. lessons will be on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

### Art

During this half term Year Four will be learning about the Ancient Roman style of art known as Mosaic. The children will have the opportunity to create their own mosaic patterns, as well as recreating famous pieces of art using mosaic. The children will also learn to use a range of different types of materials.

### History

This half term, we will be learning about how the Romans changed our way of life in Britain and left a very strong impression on the British way of life. We will be studying about famous Romans and their role in how the Roman Empire became so strong and spread so successfully across a large part of the world..

### PSHE

In PSHE, Year 4 will be working on the Jigsaw topic - Being me in my World.