

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.

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 spellings 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 a 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 **Wednesday 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 the in inclement weather.

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,
Mrs Halstead & Mr Turner.



Where in the World?



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 second part of our Autumn Term.

Values and Virtues

This half term our virtues theme is being Attentive and Discerning

Pupils are growing to be attentive to their experiences and by practicing reflection. They will be discerning in the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

Religious Education

In RE this term, children will learn about the prayer life of Jesus as he grew up in the Jewish faith. The children will be introduced to some prayers from the Old Testament and they will consider the importance Jesus attached to prayer. The children will study the Our Father, the prayer of the Rosary and some other forms of prayer as part of this unit.

In our Advent unit the children will learn about the ancestors of Jesus and that he was descended from the House of David. Through this work the children will be able to place the story of the first coming of Jesus into an historical context.

English

Our focus text for this half term is 'Where Zebras Go' – Sue Hardy Dawson

Throughout the poetry topic, we will be looking at imagery through poetry and Non-Chronological – Newspaper Reports.

Our class targets in literacy are:

Writing - to use apostrophes correctly and to be selective with their vocabulary (synonyms for said)

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

Maths—Addition, Subtraction, Area and Multiplication and Division.

The children will continue to deepen their understanding of Place Value. They will continue to work on addition and subtraction with a focus on written subtraction. We will explore area and how to calculate it.. In multiplications and division we will discover how important our times tables are.

It is essential that the children continue to practise their multiplication tables and division facts.

Science

This half-term, we will be investigating Sound. The children will find out all about sound; how it travels, pitch and volume. They will investigate materials to see which will provide the best insulation against sound.

P.E

This half-term, Year 4 will have Mr Sigley for PE on a Wednesday, where the children will learn Multi-Skills and Parkour. They will also have PE on a Thursday, when they will have indoor Gymnastics.

Please ensure children have the correct P.E for indoor and outdoor lessons .

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

DT

During this half term Year Four will be designing and producing an electrical product, using their scientific knowledge from last half term. They will follow the design process of investigation, initial design, production and evaluation.

Geography

This 'All around the World' Unit allows children to take a closer look at where the countries of the world are located, and some of the ways geographers describe locations. Children will learn to locate and describe places using longitude and latitude, and find out about some of the important lines that delineate specific areas of the Earth - the Equator, the Hemispheres, the Poles and the Tropics. Finally, by looking more closely at the lines of longitude, children will develop their understanding of time zones.

PSHE

In PSHE, Year 4 will be working on the Jigsaw topic - Celebrating Difference.