

### 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. Miss Dakes will be supporting in class.

### 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 or times tables each day along with a focus word that they are to asked to define and explore e.g. word families, synonyms and antonyms. 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.



## Ancient Egyptians



**Class: Year Four**  
**Term: Spring Term 2024**

## WELCOME BACK

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

### Values and Virtues

This half term our virtues theme is being Compassionate and Loving  
Pupils in Catholic schools are growing to be compassionate and loving towards others  
Catholic schools help their pupils grow by being compassionate and loving in the way they are treated, especially when a pupil is in trouble; and by opening their eyes to those who suffer poverty or injustice.

### Religious Education

In RE this term, the children will study the role of angels in the story of Christmas. They will learn about Christians being messengers of Christ's Good News in the world today and how the Church celebrates the Feast of Christmas.

The children will also study some important stories about the life of Jesus and the revelation of his presence in the world. They will also learn about some of the symbols of Baptism and their association with belonging to the Family of God.

### English

Our focus text for this half term is 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

Throughout this topic, we will be looking at narrative, myths and legends and how to create suspense in our writing.

Our class targets in literacy are:

Writing - to use fronted adverbials for time and place.

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

### Maths

In maths, we will look at multiplication and division. We will be learning how to find and use factor pairs, how to multiply a number using a written method, how to multiply and divide numbers in our heads and finding remainders when a number is divided.

It is essential that the children continue to practise their multiplication tables and division facts. Children will be tested weekly on times tables in preparation for their Multiplication Times Tables Check in June.

### Science

This half-term, we will be studying Animals including humans – Digestion and teeth.

The children will be able to:

- describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans
- identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions
- construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

### P.E

This half-term, Year 4 will PE on a Wednesday, where the children will learn the skills of Handball.

They will also have PE on a Thursday, when they will have Basketball. Please ensure children have the correct P.E for indoor and outdoor lessons .

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

### ART

During this half term Year Four will studying Egyptian Art linked with the work the children will do in their history topic.

### History

Our history topic for this half term is the Ancient Egyptians.

The children will learn about how and where the Ancient Egyptians lived, what was important to their daily lives, who Tutankhamun was and how mummies were made.

They will also learn about how Egyptian people used hieroglyphs to communicate and compare the powers of different gods.

### RSHE

In RSHE, Year 4 will be following the Ten Ten unit - We don't have to be the same.

Within this unit the children will learn about puberty and the changes that happen to our bodies.