

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 Oakes will be supporting in 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 spellings lessons on a Wednesday and the lists for the year are on our class page on the website.

The children will be given times tables problems each day along with a word for the week that they will use to complete different SPAG related activities. 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 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.



Rivers



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 second part of our Spring Term.

Values and Virtues

This half term our virtues theme is being Faith-filled and Hopeful .

Faith gives us belief and trust in God and other people, we build on it each day through prayer. We are hopeful when we are optimistic and trust ourselves and others, and we don't give up. God is hope.

Religious Education

In RE this term, the children will explore some of the customs and practices associated with the celebration of the Season of Lent. Through the life and teaching of Christ they will learn about prayer, fasting and almsgiving and the forgiveness that God offers to those who believe in him.

English

Our focus text for this half term is 'Desirable' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce

Throughout this topic, we will be looking at;

Playscripts and discursive writing.

Writing - to use expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and selecting adjectives for impact.

Reading - to predict what might happen next in a story by fully understanding the characters and how they might react.

Maths

We will continue to work on multiplication and division..

We will also study fractions and be introducing decimal numbers to one decimal place.

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 Living things and their habitats.

The children will be able to:

Become experts in the use of classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things. Learn about the 7 characteristics of a living thing (MRS NERG/MRS GREN). Sort living things in a number of ways and make a dichotomous classification key to identify local invertebrates. Make observational drawings of insects.

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P.E

This half-term, Year 4 will PE on a Tuesday, where the children will have Dance, taught by Miss Georgina.. They will also have PE on a Thursday, when they will learn the skills of Cricket Please ensure children have the correct P.E for indoor and outdoor lessons .

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

D&T

During this half term Year Four will study different types of bridges and different ways to create these structures. The children will decide which materials are suitable for making their bridges, which will allow them to apply knowledge of materials and their properties and adapt these materials and shapes to develop strong bridge structures capable of bearing a set amount of weight.

Geography

Our history topic for this half term is Rivers.

The children will be able to name and locate the main rivers in the UK and a number of the World's longest rivers. They will know and label the main features of a river and why most cities are located by a river. They will also be able to explain the features of a water cycle.

PSHE

In PSHE, Year 4 will be working on the Jigsaw topic - Healthy Me.