

### General Class Information

Mrs Antrobus 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.

### Spellings

Spellings will be given out on Wednesday and then tested the following Wednesday.

### 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 Ancient Egyptians



**Class: Year Four**  
**Term: Spring Term 2021—1st Half**  
**Term**

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 values and virtues theme is being curious and active. We will be asking a closer look at these in our weekly assemblies, class liturgies and RE lessons and how we can learn from Bible stories to influence our own lives in a more positive way as God wants us to.

#### Religious Education

In RE this term, children will be exploring the theme of how Jesus was the light of the world. He continues to show us the way with his teachings through his stories in the bible. We will be reading his parables which teach us valuable lessons and guide us throughout our decision making.

#### English

Our focus text this half term is a book called 'Journey to Jo'burg' by Beverly Naidoo. This story is set in apartheid South Africa against the backdrop of dangerous and unfair times for the black community.

We will be exploring a range of genre and writing styles whilst exploring this book and get to grips with the themes and topics raised as the story unfolds and progresses.

#### Maths

In maths, we will look at written methods for solving multiplication and division problems, where the children will learn how to multiply multiple numbers together, use two and three digit values and become confident in using solid written methods which provide efficient ways of finding the answers.

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 types of materials in the form of solids, liquids and gases. The changes that occur between these three states and the conditions which allow these changes to happen.

#### P.E

This half-term, Year 4 will be developing their key skills of invasion games with Mr Sigley. We will also be developing our Gymnastics skills—learning balance routines, types of movement, controlled movement and working as part of a team.

Our PE days will be Tuesdays and Thursdays.

#### Design and Technology

During this half term Year Four will be learning about electrical circuits and using our design skills to create an electronic game for children. Thinking how we can use our cross curricular skills from electricity in Science to create a wire loop game, for young children.

#### History

This half term, we will be discovering and exploring the world of Ancient Egypt. The gods and goddesses that the Egyptians believed in thousands of years ago. The rituals, ceremonies and culture of the people who lived in Ancient Egypt. We will also be highlighting the importance of the River Nile played during the growth of the Egyptian empire.

#### PSHE

In PSHE, Year 4 will be working in teams to develop their understanding of the importance of different roles in teamwork. They will learn how it is important to remember that there are a variety of different roles and not just leaders who take control.