



# Year 4 Autumn Term 2025

## In All Things Love

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school! As always, we have a busy term ahead and we are looking forward to working with your children to nurture their personal skills and abilities.

Please find below details of the curriculum content for this term:

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

This year will see the children continuing their journey with the newly implemented RE curriculum which will be the first in year 4. The first half term will look at the unit '**Creation and Covenant**' which will focus on the book of *Genesis*. After half term we will look at the unit '**Prophecy and Promise**' which will take us to the events of Christmas.

As well as this, the children will partake in daily prayer and liturgy which will vary from whole school to class worships with Father David and those in the classroom.

### **TOPIC WORK**

#### **Science focus: Burps, Bottoms and Bile**

Open wide and look inside! This term we will go on a voyage of discovery to investigate the busy world inside our body. We will follow a tasty morsel as it makes its way through the digestive system. The children will carry out a range of investigations based on this and will also look closely at teeth.

#### **Electricity**

In this topic the pupils will construct simple series circuits, trying different components; bulbs, buzzers and motors, and including switches, and use their circuits to create simple devices. The children will be asked to draw their circuits as a pictorial representation.

#### **History focus: Roman Empire**

The children will travel back thousands of years to learn about the Roman Empire. They will begin to understand the daily life of Roman people and when and why the Romans invaded Britain. They will also use the historical skills to order key events in chronological order. They will finish by understanding how the Romans impacted us in today's society.



#### **Geography focus: Volcanoes and Earthquakes**

Within this unit of work, the children will delve into the Earth's layers and begin to understand how volcanoes and earthquakes occur. They will use maps to locate volcanic and earthquake prone areas in the world and be able to discuss the impact that these natural disasters have on a place.

They will finalise the unit by gaining an understanding of how people adapt to living in such places.



## **MATHS**

This year we will be continuing our recent journey using the NCETM (National Centre of Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics). The children will cover counting, ordering, partitioning and calculating numbers up to and including four digits. They will continue to develop and reinforce the methods learnt in year 3, including column addition and column subtraction. They will revise and learn their times tables and will continue to complete daily multiplication tests. It is **essential** that your child masters his/her times tables before entering upper school to enable them to continue to grasp mathematical concepts. Later in the year, the children will take part in a Government statutory times tables test so encouragement with this skill at home would be greatly appreciated.

## **READING TO WRITING**

The children will continue with the reading into writing journey which will allow them to immerse themselves into a variety of high quality texts linked to the genre of which they are focusing on. This half term will see the children reading, planning, drafting and editing pieces of writing based on both fiction and non - fiction, including:

- Non chronological report linked to our Romans topic
- Poetry performance as part of National Poetry Day on the 3rd October
- Advert with a hot write linked to Christmas toys!
- Poetry - 'For the Fallen'



## **SPELLING, PUNCTUATION and GRAMMAR (SPAG)**

The children will complete tasks to develop and underpin their knowledge and use of pronouns, nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, prepositions and conjunctions. Parts of grammar will be taught as part of our reading into writing journey as well as a weekly discrete session alongside a spelling lesson. We will begin the half term undertaking a sequence of lessons known as 'Place Value of Punctuation' which will allow us to focus on the punctuation and grammatical structures within a sentence.

## **READING**

Within class, the children will take part in 2x weekly guided reading sessions based on an age appropriate book in order to build their fluency, comprehension and vocabulary skills. As well as this, they will also partake in a weekly large group VIPERS (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanations, retrieval, summarise) sessions to secure these skills further. The children will be sent home a class guided read which they will use weekly as part of their homework task. If we feel your child requires extra support, an additional book that is tailored to their needs will be sent home along with a reading record.



## **COMPUTING**

The children will begin their computing journey looking at and understanding how the internet works. They will apply their knowledge and understanding of

networks, to appreciate the internet as a network of networks which need to be kept secure. This will be followed with looking at creating media, more specifically through audio production.

### **PE**

The children will have a PE session on Wednesday afternoon with our school PE coaches Mrs Kelsh-Ridge and Mrs Salt as well as the swimming slot every Thursday. Over the next term, they will take part in gymnastics; moving onto netball in Autumn 2. Children **must** attend school in their full Holy Family tracksuit along with appropriate footwear.

### **MUSIC**

Miss Mallinson will be working with the children on a range of singing, listening, performing and composing activities.



### **SPANISH**

Over the next term the children will work on improving their Spanish speaking and listening skills. We will be learning the months of the year, how to say when our birthday is and learning to sing 'Happy Birthday'.

### **HOMEWORK**

Homework will continue on Seesaw and it will include weekly activities based around reading, spellings (Edshed) and times tables which will be tailored to the ability of your child.

### **Key dates:**

**Class Mass -**

**School closes - 24<sup>th</sup> October at 3:15**

**School reopens - 4<sup>th</sup> November**

**School closes for Christmas - 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30**

**School reopens for the New Year - 5<sup>th</sup> January**

**Cosmetic Chemistry Trip - 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Kind Regards,

Miss Hansell (Y4 Class Teachers) and Mrs Bibby (Y4 Teaching Assistant)