**LKS2 Spring Term Focus and Homework**

**Happy New Year! Please look below to see what your child will be learning in each subject this term. This term, we will also saying, ‘goodbye for now,’ to Mrs Lamb as she embarks on a special journey on maternity leave.**



 **History and Geography**

 This term children will explore the Maya Civilisation. They will find out life in the Maya Civilisation and consider what they achieved. They will also look at what led to the decline of the Maya. **At home:** We have asked children to bring in any Mayan related work they complete at home. Please ask your teacher for more information.

In Geography, we will find out about Angry Earth. We will find out about the layers of the Earth, tectonic plates and the structure of a volcano before looking at what causes earthquakes. **At home:** Children can conduct research about a famous volcanic eruption or earthquake? They can then choose how to present their findings and bring/send them in to share with the class.

**Art and Design Technology**

This term we are exploring, ‘Printmaking and textiles’ and ‘3D and collage.’ We will research into key artists such as Gilbert Ahiagbleand Alberto Giacometti. During our Design & Technology lessons, children will research, design and create a puff pastry tart. They will also be practising their chopping and peeling skills. **At home:** We would love to see any artwork or photos of any cooking you do.

**Spanish**

This term children will explore family and descriptions. They will learn how to describe their families whilst continuing to develop their basic language skills. **At home:** Play some Spanish games by scanning the QR code and using the login yearfour\_1688 LA2022 or yearthre LA2022

**Science**

This term, children will first learn about light. They will focus on light sources, reflections, shadows and staying safe in the sun. They will also find out about Percy Shaw and his invention, the ‘cat’s eye.’ They will then learn about electricity, where they will focus on circuits, conductors and Joseph Swan. **At home:** We love Science experiments, if you complete any at home, please let us know and bring them in to share with us.

**PE**

This term, children will develop their team skills through a variety of sports, including netball and football. **At home:** Please let us know of any sporting achievements made outside of school, we love sharing these with our St Bede’s family. If you need signposting to any clubs, please get in touch.

**Computing**

Children will develop their audio production skills, where they will be able to plan and create their very own podcasts.

**Music**

This term, children will complete a unit entitled, ‘Exploring feelings when you play,’ where we will focus on  how special effects in music can make the words we sing more meaningful.

**RSE/PSHE**

In RSE, children will look at emotional well-being and life cycles. In PSHE, they will consider health, well-being and lifestyle. They will also complete the NSPCC Pants lesson and look at privacy and security.

**We would like to invite you to come along to our class assemblies at 9.15am on the following dates: Y4: 22/01, Y3/4: 19/02, Y3: 19/03**

**Mathematics**

This term children will cover skills across three areas of maths; multiplication and division, measure and fractions **At home:** Please help your child by practising Maths in real life situations such as baking, shopping and even looking at results such as the Premier League table or Strictly scores. It is vital that children practice their multiplication facts at home. Please let us know if your child cannot access Rockstars at home so that we can give you alternative ways to practice. Scan the first QR code to access some online games, activities and resources and the second one for some times tables songs

**English and Reading**

 This term we will cover the following genres of writing: stories from other cultures, explanatory texts, persuasive writing, third person adventure stories and poems which explore form. **At home**: Support your children at home by practising handwriting and spelling at home. Scan the QR code for the LKS2 spellings. The Oxford Owl website also has advice and activities that you may find useful.

This term, children will explore two books- Varjak Paw by SF Said and The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf. You can listen to Onjali read from her book by scanning the QR code below.

**At home:** We encourage children to read as often as they can at home. Please use your child’s reading records to let us know about their reading at home.

**RE**

This term, children will cover three units; community, Sacramental Preparation: The Eucharist (giving and receiving) and self-discipline. We will also complete a unit of work on Islam

**Please join us for Family Mass at St Thomas Aquinas Church on 26th January and 23rd March**

**We would also like to invite you into school for our Lenten Liturgy on Wednesday 9th April**

Y4 Times Table Check Spring Meeting- information to follow