



Year 4 Newsletter to Parents: Autumn 2024



Welcome back! We are really happy to have you back in school and we are looking forward to the year ahead. We have been working hard to plan lots of interesting lessons and activities for you. Here is an overview of what will be happening this term.

The Year 4 Team

St. Philomena's Class St. Paul's Class
Mrs Marshall (Class teacher Mon-Wed) Miss Camilleri (Class teacher)
Mrs Clark (Class teacher Thurs-Fri) Mrs Pospai (Teaching Assistant)
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The School Day

This term you will be able to bring in a school bag/rucksack that should have your reading book, reading record and a named water bottle in it. You may also bring your own small pencil case. We also encourage the children to bring in a healthy snack for break time (fruit, squeezey yoghurt, malt loaf etc.). (Please note – unlike KS1, KS2 children are not provided with a snack at school). Remember to bring your lunch box (if you aren't having school dinners). School dinners are now free for all children in KS2.

Homework Expectations

Homework is set on a Friday and due in the following Thursday

Reading	Spelling	Grammar	Maths	Times Tables	Religious Education	Creative Learning Curriculum
Reading daily for 10-15 minutes using your library book.	<u>Spelling Shed (EdShed)</u> (complete at least 5 games per week to revise the weekly spelling list)	<u>CGP Grammar Book</u> 2 pages assigned by the class teacher each week.	<u>Maths Shed (EdShed)</u> Complete the allocated tasks (at least 1 per week)	<u>Times table Rock Stars</u> (at least 20 minutes per week)	Complete weekly page in homework diary linking to the weekly Gospel reading.	Complete 1 piece per half term (further information to follow)

Where to access the homework:

- Maths homework - We use Maths Shed, which is found on EdShed. You can access the homework using your Ed Shed logins - <https://www.edshed.com/>
- Spelling homework can be found on Ed Shed - <https://www.edshed.com/> (There is also a Spelling Shed app).
- Times Table Rock Stars - <https://trockstars.com/> (There is also an app).
- Reading homework - We expect our pupils to read for 15-20 minutes per day to support their learning at school. Through reading and hearing stories, children are exposed to a wide range of words. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they read, which is vital as they continue to develop their narrative writing. Reading records need to be signed (with an adult's signature) and brought into school daily.

*All login details will be stuck in the back of your child's reading record.

Subject Information

RE: Our first topic is 'People', which will centre around the Big Question 'Where do I come from?' Our second topic will be 'Called' when we will consider 'What does it mean to be called or chosen?' In our third topic centred around Advent is 'Loving', where we will consider 'What is so special about gifts?'

English: Our English text for Autumn 1 is 'Catkin'. Our text for Autumn 2 is 'The Christmasaurus'.

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Science: The children can look forward to learning all about 'The Human Body – Teeth and the Digestive System' in Autumn 1 and 'States of Matter (Solids, Liquids and Gases)' in Autumn 2.

Creative Learning Curriculum (CLC): We have some fantastic CLC topics in Year 4! In Autumn 1, we will be learning 'What makes British wildlife unique?' and in Autumn 2, our topic will be: 'What was it like to be a Dinosaur?'

PE Timetable	
St Paul's Class	Every Tuesday and Friday
St Philomena's Class	Every Tuesday and Friday



Please ensure that your child comes into school on their PE days wearing the correct PE kit – house colour t-shirt, black shorts (when it's warmer) or black tracksuit (when it's colder). They should also be wearing trainers. *Please ensure that all uniform is clearly named.*

Important dates

Thursday 12th September - New School Year Mass (Years 2-6)

Friday 4th October - Parent Coffee Morning

Monday 21st October - St Ursula's Feast Day Mass (Years 2-6)

Monday 21st October - Thursday 24th October - Parents Evening

Friday 25th October - International Day

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November - October Half-Term

Monday 4th November - Inset Day: School closed to pupils

Tuesday 5th November – Individual / Sibling photographs

Thursday 7th November – Year 4 Remembrance Mass

Friday 8th November - Parent Coffee Morning

Tuesday 12th November – Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 4th December - Pantomime

Friday 6th December - Parent Coffee Morning: Christmas Crafting & Christmas Disco

Wednesday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December - KS2 Christmas Concert

Friday 20th December - End of Term reports

- Children break up for Christmas at 1pm

Thank you for your support and we look forward to working together to help your child be the best that they can be!