



# Year 4 Spring Newsletter 2024



Welcome back to all our families after the Christmas break. We hope that you had a happy time celebrating this special season. Thank you for all your kind messages, cards and gifts over the Christmas season – they are greatly appreciated!

Thank you to all parents for your support with your children’s learning in 2023. We look forward to more exciting learning opportunities this term!

## Homework Expectations

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Homework is set on a Friday and <u>due</u> in the following Thursday						
Reading	Spelling	Grammar	Maths	Times Tables	Religious Education	Flipped Curriculum
Reading daily for 10-15 minutes using your library book.	Spelling Shed (EdShed)  (You will have 10 words to revise – complete at least 5 games per week)	CGP Grammar Book  2 pages to be assigned by the class teacher weekly.	Maths Shed (EdShed)  Tasks will be allocated for you to complete each week.	Times table Rock Stars  (As much as you can)	Complete weekly page in homework diary linking to the weekly Gospel reading.	Complete 2 tasks per half term (from the homework sheet)

### Where to access the homework:

Maths homework - <https://www.edshed.com/>

Spelling homework can also 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).

**Homework will be set every Friday and is due in every Thursday. Please ensure that your child has completed all of their homework tasks in this time.**

### 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.

### P.E days

St. Paul’s have P.E on a **Tuesday and Friday**.

St. Philomena’s have PE on a **Tuesday and Thursday**.

Please ensure that your child wears their full PE kit on these days (black tracksuit, house t-shirt and trainers).

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## **Stubbers:**

We are really looking forward to our trip to Stubbers on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024**.

You will have already received several emails about the trip and we ask that you make sure that your payments are up to date should you wish your child to attend. Please see the deadlines below.

**It is extremely important that the payments are made on time to allow office staff to pay the final invoice to Stubbers. Please make the payments via Schoolcomms if you haven't already done so.**

	Amount	Payment Deadline
Deposit	£10	13 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Payment 1	£20	3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023
Payment 2	£20	2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024

If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium Funding, there is no cost for this trip; however, if you would like to contribute to the cost of £50, you may do so. If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium Funding, please call the school office to reserve your child's place on the trip.

## **English:**

Our text for Spring 1 is 'The 1000 Year Old Boy' by Ross Welford. Our English text for Spring 2 is 'I was there: 1066 The Norman Conquest' by Jim Eldridge.

## **Maths:**

For maths, we are continuing to follow the Power Maths scheme, where we will be covering:

\*Multiplication and division

\*Length and perimeter

\*Fractions

\*Decimal numbers

**Spring Science topics:** This term, our science topics are Sound (Spring 1) and Electricity (Spring 2).

## **CLC topics covered this Spring Term:**



Who were tougher, the Anglo-Saxons or the Vikings? (Spring 1)

How did the Normans change England? (Spring 2)

Our two creative curriculum topics for spring are designed to cover Geography, History, Art, D&T and Music whilst also drawing on children's maths, science and literacy skills.

## **Saxon and Viking Workshop**

To complement our study of the Anglo-Saxons & Vikings, we have invited History Off the Page into school on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February to provide a ***Life in Viking Britain Day***.

**R.E. Topics for Spring term:** Local church; Community and the Eucharist; Lent / Easter.

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## Key Dates for Spring Term:

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January -	Children return to school
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January -	Coffee morning
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February -	February - Parents' Evening
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February -	Ash Wednesday Service Viking Day (Year 4)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February - 19 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> February -	INSET Day = No School for the children Half Term
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February -	Children return to school
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March -	Coffee morning
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March -	World Book Day Dress Up
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March -	Science Dress Up Day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March -	Easter Mass
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March -	Celebration Afternoon & End of Term Reports Coffee morning (Easter Crafts)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March -	Bank Holiday- School Closed
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April -	Easter Holidays begin

