

Welcome to Year 4

With Mrs Nickless and Mr  
Bowring

Year 3 Team

Mrs Boswell (LKS2 Lead)

Mr Thomas

Miss Evans

Miss Hackett

Year 4 Team

Mrs Nickless

Mr Bowring

Mrs Collingwood

Mrs Jones

Mrs Jamroz

# Curriculum

- Curriculum letters will be sent out at the beginning of every term as usual.
- The Romans and the Vikings
- Please look at the school website for useful information including:
  - our Year 4 webpage
  - Absence tab
  - E Payments

# Catholic Life



As a catholic school we work hard to promote a catholic ethos with the children. The following shows some ways in which we do this;

- We say prayers first thing in the morning, before lunch and before they go home. These prayers will be the same prayers your child has said since Reception.
- The prayers we learn in Year 4 are; The Glory Be, Novena prayers, Memorare and the Rosary.
- Children will also have the opportunity to write their own prayers.

- Class Prayer and Liturgy takes place in class on Wednesdays.
- The children will continue to attend Mass or a prayer services in church.
- If it is your child's class Mass we will let you know as you would be more than welcome to attend.
- Each half term the board at the back of church changes, we will let you know, on the curriculum letter, when it is Year 4's turn so you can come and have a look!

# Catholic Life

- We will continue to have Prayer and Liturgy planners in Yr4 to help deliver and lead collective worship.
- In Year 4 our RE units of work will cover: Creation, Jesus the light of the World, prayer, the Old Testament, Sharing in the Life of Christ, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost.

# Swimming in Year 4

Swimming lessons for Year 4 will take place in the Summer Term. These will be at Perdiswell Leisure center. More information to follow.

## Swimming Kit

- Swimming trunks/costume (not Bermudas, shorts or bikini)
- Swimming cap
- Towel
- Waterproof bag



# Curriculum

Curriculum Area	AUTUMN 6+3 7		SPRING 6+3 5		SUMMER 5+4 7	
RE	Creation Jesus light of the world and beloved son	Jesus teaches us how to pray Advent	Christmas Love and relationships curriculum	Old testament: Moses to King David Lent Holy week	Easter Pentecost	Sharing in the life of Christ Special responsibilities
ENGLISH	<b>Range of writing genre to include:</b> Recount, persuasive writing, Non-chronological reports, newspaper reports, narrative, instructions, explanation, discursive, biography. Plus reading comprehensions & spellings.					
	<b>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (15)</b> <b>The Great Chocoplot (16)</b>	<b>Holiday Brochure (16)</b> <b>Still I Rise (16)</b>	<b>The Princess and the Pea (17)</b> <b>The BFG (13)</b>	<b>Secrets of the Sun King (21)</b>	<b>Aladdin (16)</b> <b>Alternative to plastic straws (15)</b>	<b>The Lost Thing (19)</b> <b>The River (15)</b>
MATHS	Objectives taken from New National Curriculum to include: Place value, the four operations, times tables, fractions, decimals, measurements including area and perimeter, shape, statistics.					
GEOGRAPHY			Mountains European study - Italy		Rivers	
HISTORY	The Romans				Vikings	
MUSIC	Whole Class Instrument (Pear)	Whole Class Instrument (Pear)	Whole Class Instrument (Pear)	Whole Class Instrument (Oak)	Whole Class Instrument (Oak)	Whole Class Instrument (Oak)
ART & Design	Artist study - Da Vinci		Sketching - Cartooning		Clay - Viking Long boats	
DT	Mosaic Coaster (linked to Romans)				Healthy Snack (Health & Fitness Week)	3D Moving parts animal toy
PE 1	Striking & Fielding	Dance	Tri Golf	Team Games	Swimming	Swimming
PE 2	Real PE - Personal	Real PE - Social	Real PE - Cognitive	Real PE - Creative	Real PE - Physical	Athletics
ICT	Digital Literacy - Basic Word skills	Networking	Audio	Editing	Data Logging	Programming
SCIENCE	<b>Electricity</b>	<b>Sound</b>	<b>Animals including humans</b>	States of matter (Water cycle)		<b>Living things and habitats</b>
PSHE	New Beginnings	Anxiety & Worries	Be Yourself	Internet Issues	Healthy Living	Moving Up
French	Je me presente	Ma famille	Je peux	En classe	As-tu un animal?	Habitats



# Yr4 Experiences



# Assessment/Testing

In KS2 children sit the NFER tests twice a year, once in Autumn 2 and again in Summer 1.

These test reading, spelling, SPAG and writing skills.

White Rose Maths tests are taken termly.

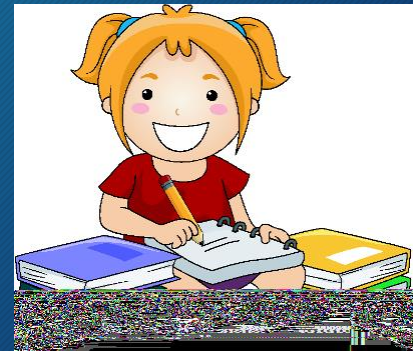
These test arithmetic and reasoning/problem solving.

These form part of an in school assessment to help us monitor your child's progress.

All children in Year 4 will complete the national Times Tables test in the Summer term.

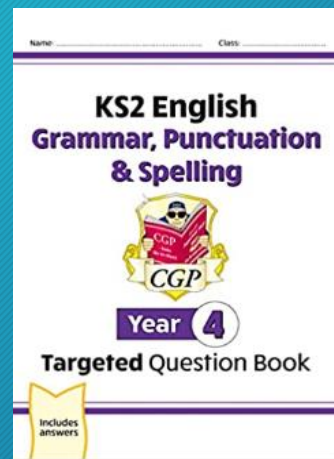
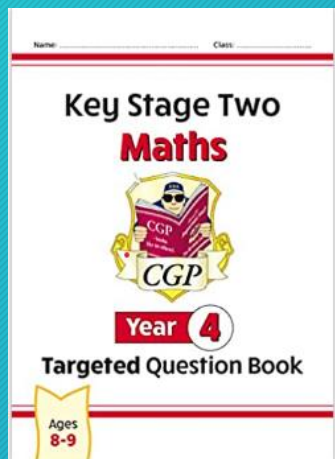
Weekly weekly testing;

- Spellings
- Accelerated reader



# Homework

- Homework to be in on Thursday and will be marked and returned Friday.
- Spellings - 6 games on EdShed per week
- Weekly spellings to learn for a spelling test in school
- Times tables - TTRS 10 mins minimum



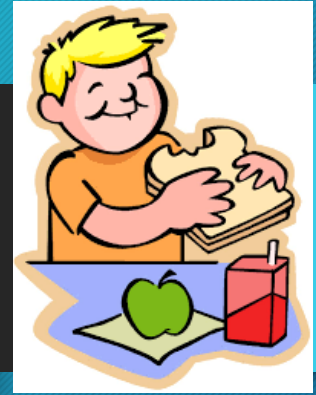
# Reading expectations

- Children should read to an adult at least 3 times a week.
- Three comments per week in their reading record book by an adult.

# Rewards and sanctions

- Positive behaviour is praised and house points given.
- We are using a trauma informed approach
- Behaviour is managed on an individual basis
- Consequences will be in line with behaviour policy

# Lunch and break times



Break time in Year 3 and 4 is at 10:00am.

Lunch time for Year 3 and 4 is at 12.30pm- 1.30pm.

Children should bring a clear bottle for water only for their drink in the classroom.

Children can continue to purchase tuck from the kitchen at breaktime

Or they can bring one healthy snack for break.

# KS2 Uniform

- White shirt/blouse and school tie or White polo shirt with or without school logo
- School sweatshirt/cardigan with logo
- Grey trousers
- Grey skirt/pinafore
- White or grey socks or grey tights
- Black smart low shoes
- In the Spring/ Summer term children may wear a green check dress or grey shorts.

# KS2 PE kit

## Indoor P.E. Kit

- White P.E. T-shirt (plain or with school logo)
- Black shorts or skorts of a reasonable length  
may also be worn (not lycra or cycling shorts  
for health/hygiene reasons)

## Outdoor P.E. Kit

- Black jogging bottoms (for outdoor P.E.)
- Plain black hoodie
- Dark Coloured Trainers

ALL PE kit needs to be labelled and if brought into school, kept in a named green kit bag

Please note that branded sportswear is NOT part of our school uniform policy



# Stationery

We would like it if you are able to supply your child with the following stationery:

Pencil, rubber, sharpener, ruler (30cm) pencil crayons/felt tips (no permanent markers), purple pen (biro), glue stick, green/yellow highlighter, pencil case (not too big).

If you can label this it will be really helpful

Please don't send anything which is too expensive as it may get lost!

We can supply these items if needed



# Online Safety at St Joseph's



Online safety is taught in class once per half term. Outside of these lessons it is something which we seek to promote an open discussion around with children.

**Online safety covers a wide range of areas. From protecting children from harm by others to equipping children with an understanding of healthy and unhealthy use of technology (screen time for example).**

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Mr Bowring, our online safety co-ordinator, should you have any concerns about your child's online activity or a wider online safety issue. Alternatively, you can report a concern about the way someone has been communicating online through the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (CEOP) here:

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/>



# Online Safety at St Joseph's



During Transition days, your child's new teacher delivered a session on online safety, considering how best to safely use the school IT equipment.

An agreement was also shared with the children, which their teacher explained to them and they signed. This agreement, and the powerpoint which was used to deliver the lesson can be viewed on our school website on the e-safety page (under parents)

If you haven't already, please could you use the links below to sign this electronically yourself as a parent/Carer.

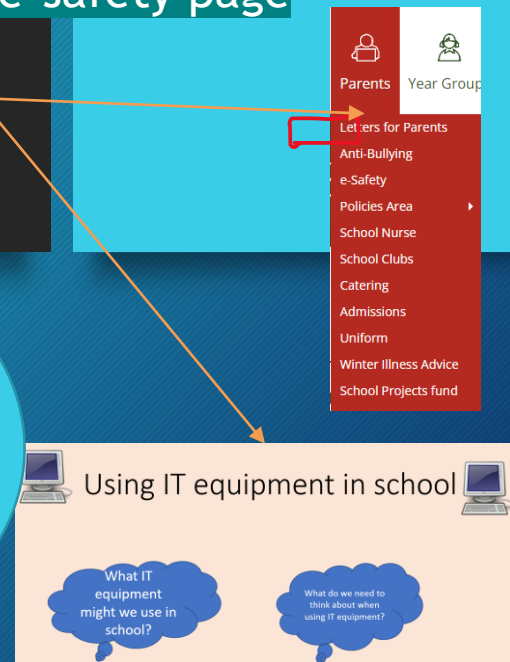
Key Stage 1

<https://forms.office.com/e/icLhK4MGuW>

Key stage 2

<https://forms.office.com/e/iPuzF3B44Y>

The e-Safety page contains lots of useful and relevant information regarding online safety



# Online Safety at St Joseph's



## Working in partnership with parents to tackle online safety

During the next academic year, as a school we want to increase our reach and engagement with our parents when it comes to online safety issues.

If you would like to be a part of this journey as a parent, liaising with us as a school on online safety issues, please contact Mr Bowring at

[year5oakparents@st-josephs-pri.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:year5oakparents@st-josephs-pri.worcs.sch.uk)

If you haven't already done so, please sign up to the National Online Safety app here, when you register, set yourself as a parent to access all of the online safety resources available

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/st-joseph-s-catholic-primary-school-wr4-9pg>

# Website

Curriculum letters will be sent out at the beginning of every term.

Please look at our Year 4 webpage throughout the year for-

- Blogs/ pictures of what we have been up to.
- Homework
- Curriculum letters
- Golden certificate winners
- Links for extra English/Maths practice

# Parent Volunteers

If you would like to help out with reading or trips as a parent, please let us know and we can direct you to the form that can be filled in if you would like to be involved in this

(This may not necessarily be with your child's class)

We look forward to working  
with you together in  
partnership.