



Compassion

Trust

Wisdom

Fellowship

Friendship

Peace

September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 4,

Welcome back to a new school year and the Autumn Term. We would like to share with you the exciting learning planned for the term. We hope that the information below helps you support your child over the coming term.

English

Reading

This term we will be looking at the following Learning Objectives and all the success criteria that needs to be covered to obtain the objectives:

- I can identify ways in which authors use similes and imagery in a poem
- I can draw inferences
- I can read and understand stories
- I can identify effective language to describe a setting
- I can predict what will happen next
- I can identify features authors use in fantasy stories

We are currently assessing reading levels and providing your child with a book to read in the classroom based on their level. These books will start to come home on completion of this assessment. In addition to this, children can bring in their own book from home, to read in the classroom or choose a book from the class library.

Children have been given a reading log and shown how to fill it in. I would be grateful if you could listen to your child read on a regular basis and make a note in their reading log. This could also include making a note of any books that you are sharing with your child, this includes books that you are reading to them.

Writing

In writing, throughout all subjects, it is expected that the children will always use capital letters and full stops as well as write using cursive writing. Children in Year 4 will be encouraged to improve their handwriting enough to be given an ink pen licence. Children will be provided with a pen, later in the year and all children will be given this privilege at the same time. If standards drop significantly children may be asked to produce several pieces of neat work to regain their pen license.

Spellings will be tested each Friday. These spellings will be in line with the National Curriculum spellings for Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4). The spellings will be available on the school website at the start of each week, in the newspaper. In addition to this we will also be doing our Star Spellings

Thriving and Achieving in a Caring Christian Community

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. John Ch15 v12



Compassion

Trust

Wisdom

Fellowship

Friendship

Peace

to ensure the children have a firm knowledge of all required spellings up to Year 4. Your child has been given a copy of their latest colour spelling list, which will be tested before half term. Those children who visit Mrs Doran for spelling support will be tested on the class spellings but will have the option of learning fewer words.

We will be looking at the following objectives this term:

- I can write phrases using similes
- I can write noun phrases
- I can write free verse that contains similes
- I can use co-ordinating conjunctions
- I can write interesting sentences with fronted adverbials
- I can make accurate use of pronouns
- I can write a narrative using paragraphs
- I can write persuasive statements
- I can write powerful sentences
- I can use powerful verbs
- I can use subordinate clauses
- I can devise useful questions

Mathematics

We will be following the Year 4 National Curriculum maths objectives. The children will have a regular timestables test on Wednesday linked to their timestables homework sheet, which will be sent home each Friday.

Tables are very useful in all aspects of maths and quick recall will help your child develop increased confidence in maths. There will be a weekly twenty minute, on-line, timestables homework each week. This is part of your child's TT Rockstar account

This term we will be starting off with number bonds and place value before moving on to the standard written methods for the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Homework

The children have been given their homework folders with an explanation sheet attached. They will have weekly spelling and timestables homework and tests. In addition to this the children are expected to read daily.

Science

In our Science this term we will be studying states of matter with a focus on the watercycle.

Thriving and Achieving in a Caring Christian Community

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. John Ch15 v12



Compassion

Trust

Wisdom

Fellowship

Friendship

Peace

Computing

The focus this term is coding. We will be using 'Purplemash' to practise coding skills. Children will design a number of simple computer programmes, designing on paper before using the coding package to bring them to life.

History and Geography

This term we are starting with Geography, looking at where we live. Children will look at the UK, counties, rivers, mountains and settlements. We will finish by focusing on Windsor.

Art and Design Technology

In art we will be looking at the art of Lowry, making links to our Geography topic. After half term the children will be using their Scientific knowledge to create a Christmas decoration with a bulb

Music

We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Manners and singing back to Trinity St Stephen.

RE

We start off with our Judaism topic which answers the question: "How special is the relationship Jews have with God?". Then we move on to a Christian topic which focuses on: "What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today?"

French

The children will be continuing their French studies by developing increased fluency in the areas covered last year. We start with animals.

PE

The children will have a dance lesson on Wednesday afternoon and Multi-Skills on Friday afternoon with Mr Hawkes. The children will also take part in a daily 'golden mile'.

We will, as always be keeping in touch with Class News. Class News is written each Friday and should appear on the website by Monday at the latest.

Kind regards
Mrs Dewar
Class Teacher

Thriving and Achieving in a Caring Christian Community

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. John Ch15 v12