

Year 4 Newsletter Autumn Term

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a peaceful, safe and enjoyable summer and are rested ahead of a new school year.

R.E

This term we will be studying three different topics,

People- This is a sensitive theme. The experience of 'family' in society today is varied, with many joys and sorrows. Whatever the experience, family still remains the first place for growth and development, the basic social unit.

Called - Our lives are marked by many different experiences of being welcomed into new situations and groups. We recognise the importance of welcome, of feeling comfortable with new situations and belonging to new groups. We all belong to families, to work places and to social groupings.

Gift - Gifts, given and received, are a sign and expression of love. Advent is a time when we appreciate the love in our lives and prepare to celebrate love becoming a reality in the person of Jesus.

TOPICS

Our question for our first half-term is, 'Who stole the happy endings?' which is inspired by Carol Ann Duffy's *The Lost Happy Endings*. We will be using the text to explore plot and use our creative language. We will be learning to use geographical language to describe and compare different locations in the UK. We will explore the forest setting of our text and compare this to other geographical features of the UK.

Following our half-term term break our question will be, 'What's the racket?'. Inspired by Robert Browning's *The Pied Piper*. We will be learning how to write dialogue and exploring the fascinating world of sound.

This will be a very busy term, including many events, such as;

Friday 14 th September 2018	School Mass (9:30am)
Thursday 28 th September 2018	Individual and Family Photos
Monday 1 st October 2018	St. Teresa's Feast Day
Wednesday 3 rd October 2018	Parent's Evening (3:30-6:00pm)
Thursday 4 th October 2018	Parent's Evening (3:30-6:00pm)
Monday 10 th October 2018	Inset Day
Wednesday 24 th October 2018	Choral Speaking
Friday 26 th October 2018	Fitness Friday
Monday 12 th November 2018	Day of Peace
Monday 12 th November 2018	Anti-Bullying/E-safety Week
Friday 16 th November 2018	Children in Need

Thursday 6th December 2018 Advent Mass
Friday 7th December 2018 ONE LIFE Retreat
Tuesday 18th December 2018 Y4 Christmas performance

HOMEWORK

Homework will go home every week ranging from practice maths questions, mental maths, timetables, reading, punctuation, spelling and research tasks for our writing the following week. We ask that you check your child's work and initial it before it comes back to school. It is also expected that children in Year 4 should read every night for 15-20 minutes (reading aloud) at least 5 times a week, and will be asking you to record their reading in the diaries on a daily basis. Daily reading is proven to have a huge impact on a child's academic progress so we do hope you support us in fostering a love of books for your child. Your child will also have weekly spelling and times table tests so please make sure you practice the weekly list from your child's organiser.

P.E. and Uniform

PE will take place on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate P.E. kit in school every day. This should consist of a white t shirt, black or navy shorts and plimsolls. The children may have an additional black or navy blue tracksuit in school for outdoor P.E. Please ensure all kit is labelled with their name.

Please also make sure your child is in full school uniform every day which includes following school policy for hairstyles. If you have any questions or queries regarding school policy you can find it on the school website, in your child's organiser, or, alternatively, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher.

YEAR 4 TEAM

We look forward to meeting you at all our upcoming events. However, should you wish to speak to any of us, at any time, we will always be available in the morning if it is a brief matter or you are always welcome to make an appointment to see us after school.

May we thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to a successful and enjoyable 2018-2019 academic year.

The Year 4 Team

Mrs Chahal, Miss Johncock, Mrs Smith and Mrs Wheatley