

Year 4 Newsletter Spring Term

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a peaceful, safe and enjoyable Christmas break and we hope you have a happy new year!

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This term we will be learning about **Community, Giving and Receiving and Self-discipline.**

Community

In this topic the children will learn that the experience of community is an essential and enjoyable part of life for people of every age and faith. We will discuss occasions for regular celebrations as well as unexpected surprises, when people want to celebrate with family, friends and communities. We will think about how much there is to celebrate; a time to say thank you; a time to know that God's love is offered and made visible here and now in Jesus and in people.

Giving and Receiving

Throughout this topic, we will learn about being thoughtful for life, for people and gifts, and how this is a vital part of our relationships with one another.

Self-discipline

During this topic, the children will learn that life, especially family life, or life in school, is full of opportunities for self-giving. We will come to realise that life is a cycle of being cared for and caring for others, of dependence and independence, of receiving and giving, and that self-giving is essential if individuals and relationships are to grow and develop.

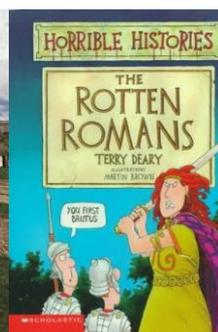
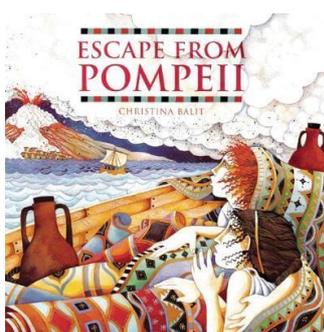
We will think about Lent, the season when Christians practise both giving and giving-up, to identify with the complete self-offering of Jesus which is remembered in the liturgy of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil).

TOPICS

Our question for our first half-term is, 'Were the Romans really rotten?' We are exploring the Roman impact on Britain and investigating the different things they left behind. We are looking at the past and how life has changed today.

We have so much to cram into this short term! The exciting book that we will be studying this half term is 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. We will be learning how to punctuate direct speech, use expanded noun phrases and develop characters.

After half term we will be learning about 'What makes the Earth angry?' and looking at the book 'The Firework Makers Daughters' by Philp Pullman.



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

8th January 2018	School re-opens for Spring Term	26th February 2018	School reopens after half term
12th January 2018	PTA coffee Morning	28th February and 1st March 2018	One Life
16th January 2018	New Year Mass	2nd March 2018	World Book Day
14th February 2018	Ash Wednesday	14th and 15th March 2018	Parents evening
16th February 2018	Fitness Friday	20th March 2018	Lenten Mass
16th February 2018	School closes for half term	30th March 2018	Good Friday, School closed for Easter

HOMEWORK

Homework will go home every week ranging from practice maths questions, mental maths, 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 (including 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.

P.E. and Uniform

Every child needs to have a PE kit in school. 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 seeing 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 Spring term.

The Year 4 Team

Mrs Lambert, Mrs Chahal, Miss Johncock, Mrs Smith and Mrs Pencil