



## SPRING-TERM NEWS

### Events:

- ◆ **7th January 2019:**  
School re-opens for Spring Term
- ◆ **7th January 2019:**  
Year 4 Topic day
- ◆ **14th January 2019:**  
Year 4 trip to the Galleries of Justice
- ◆ **15th January 2019:**  
9:30AM—New Year Mass
- ◆ **4th February 2019:**  
Year 4 Science day
- ◆ **15th February 2019:**  
School closes for inset day
- ◆ **25th February 2019:**  
School reopens after half term
- ◆ **6th March 2019:**  
Ash Wednesday
- ◆ **Week Beginning 11th March 2019:**  
Science Week
- ◆ **13th & 14th March 2019:** Parents Evening
- ◆ **20th March 2019:**  
9:30AM- Lenten Mass
- ◆ **27th March 2019:**  
9:15 AM—KS2 Choral Speaking
- ◆ **29th March 2019:**  
KS2 Mother's Day Tea
- ◆ **2nd and 3rd April 2019:** One Life
- ◆ **5th April 2019:**  
French Friday and School closes for half term

## DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL.

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a peaceful, safe and enjoyable Christmas break and we hope you have a Happy New Year!

### RE

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.

## WHAT IS MY MISSION?

### Maths

At the start of this term, we will be covering Roman numerals followed by subtracting fractions with the same denominator. In the latter weeks, within Geometry we will look at how to find the area of a rectilinear shape and find coordinates in the first quadrant on a 2D grid. Finally, we will look at the division mathe-

matical operation. The children will continue to be set weekly Mathematics challenges as part of their homework, as well as the questions on the weekly homework sheet. These activities help support the learning taking place in class. Also, we are excited about the launch of the new 'Rockstar' Multiplication and Division Online Application!

## 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 aloud every night for 15-20 minutes covering at least 10 pages of their book, and we ask 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.

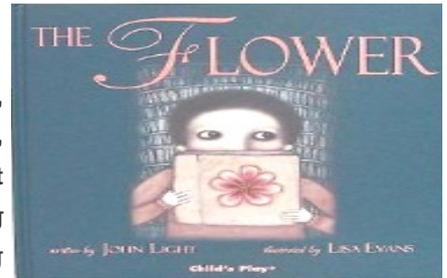
## Computing

Our ICT lessons this term will build on from skills learned last term. In addition, during Maths we will be using a range of online applications to both practice and consolidate our basic skills, times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12.

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## Topic:

Our question for our first half-term is, 'Where are all the flowers?' In History, we are exploring Crime and Punishment during the Victorian period and comparing this to modern day Britain. We are looking at the past and how life has changed today.



THE FLOWER BY JOHN LIGHT

## Literacy:

The exciting book that we will be studying in Literacy this half term is 'The Flower' by John Light. Alongside this, we will read 'A Child's Garden' by Michael Forman. We will be learning how to punctuate direct speech, use expanded noun phrases and develop characters. After half term, we will be looking at the book 'Orion and the Dark' by Emma Yarlett.



## Science:

During Science, we will investigate the major stages of a flower life cycle and understand how to classify living things into different categories.

## PE 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 track-suit 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, you are always welcome to make an appointment to see us after school.

Thank you for your support during the Autumn term. May we thank you in advance for your support this term and we look forward to a successful and enjoyable Spring term.

The Year 4 Team

Mrs Chahal, Miss Johncock,

Mrs Smith and Mrs Wheatley



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