



SPRING-TERM NEWS

Events:

- New Year Mass—
Friday 12th January
9.30
- Maths workshop—
Friday 19th January
2.30
- Cake sale (Year 1 and
Year 4) —Thursday
1st February
- Safer Internet Day—
Tuesday 6th February
- Women in Science
Day—Wednesday 7th
February (official day
11th February)
- School closes for half
term (Trust Inset)-
Friday 9th February
- School reopens—
Monday 19th February
- Lent Mass (Led by Y4)
and Retreat Day—
Thursday 29th Febru-
ary
- Parents Evening—
Tuesday 5th and
Wednesday 6th March
- British Science
Week—Monday 11th-
Friday 15th March
- Choral Speaking per-
formance—Thursday
28th March
- Stations of the
Cross—Wednesday
27th and Thursday
28th March
- School Closes—
Thursday 28th March

DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL.

WELCOME BACK

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

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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 in life to people and by giving 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.

RSHE

We will be learning about different types of sin and the importance of forgiveness in relationships. We will also be looking at what strategies can be employed to resist pressure and practise resilience.

WHAT IS MY MISSION?

Maths

At the start of this term, we will be covering multiplication 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 division. The children will

continue to be set weekly Mathematics challenges as part of their homework, as well as the Maths questions on the weekly homework sheet. These activities help support the learning taking place in class. Also, children will continue to prepare for their Times table Assessment by using the Rockstar Online Application, please ensure that your child logs onto these weekly.

Homework

Homework will go home every week on a Friday and is due back the following Wednesday, ranging from practice maths questions, mental maths, reading, punctuation and spellings. It is also expected that children in Year 4 should read aloud every night for 15-20 minutes covering at least 15 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

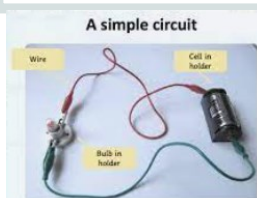
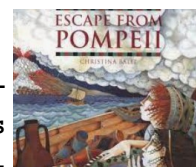
Our ICT lessons this term will ensure the children understand how to send and receive emails safely and responsibly. We will also look at how to develop computational thinking and programming skills to investigate angles and navigate mazes.

Topic:

Our question for our first half-term is, '**How did the Roman's change Britain?**'. Through our history, we will be exploring the Roman time line, what Roman life was like and what impact they have had on our lives in Britain today. After half term, our questions becomes '**How will you solve a crime?**' where we consider how crime and punishment has changed through history. To enhance this topic we will be visiting the Galleries of Justice in Nottingham.

Literacy:

The exciting book that we will be studying in Literacy this half-term is 'Escape from Pompeii'. This links to our Roman topic as we learn about the eruption of Mt Vesuvius. We will be learning how to punctuate direct speech, use expanded noun phrases and develop paragraphs. After half term, we will be reading the book: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl to accompany our Crime and Punishment topic!



Science:

In science we will be learning about electricity and how to put a working circuit together. We will also be learning how to group living things through classification.

PE and Uniform

PE will be on a Wednesday this with a focus on Gymnastics and then Orienteering. Please ensure that your child arrives into school with their school PE kit on. (Black plain trousers or leggings, plain white t-shirt, school cardigan or jumper, plain white socks).

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.

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

The Year 4 Team

Miss Macdonald, Miss Uppal, Mrs Ryan and Mrs Ali



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