



## AUTUMN-TERM NEWS

- ◆ **4th September:** School re-opens for Autumn Term
- ◆ **12th September** Start of year Mass
- ◆ **12th September:** 2:30pm E-safety parents' workshop
- ◆ **20th September:** 2:40pm Year 4 Reading Workshop
- ◆ **1st October:** St Teresa's Day Mass
- ◆ **1st & 2nd October:** Parents Evening
- ◆ **3rd October:** Cake Sale (Year 6 and Year 2)
- ◆ **17th October:** Year 4 Choral Speaking
- ◆ **18th October:** French Friday & School closes for half term
- ◆ **4th November:** School reopens
- ◆ **14th November:** Individual photographs
- ◆ **15th November:** Children in Need
- ◆ **2nd December:** Reverse advent calendar begins
- ◆ **13th December:** Year 4 Christmas Assembly
- ◆ **19th December:** Christmas dinner & jumper day
- ◆ **20th December:** Fitness Friday and school closes for Christmas
- ◆ **6th January 2025:** School reopens

## DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL.

### WELCOME BACK

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

### RE

This term we will be learning about: People, Called and Gift.

**People:** In this topic, Children will learn that the Church names the family 'The Domestic Church' where children may begin to understand the church which is 'Nothing other than the family of God'. This topic explores the truth that Jesus had a natural family with real people with names and a history. The children will have the opportunity to create their own family tree and compare this with Jesus' family tree.

**RSHE:** This term in RSHE, we will be following the Life to the Full scheme, module one: Created and Loved by God. We will be learning about the Sacraments and how to respect our bodies.

**Called:** Throughout this topic, we will learn about how our lives are marked by many different experiences of being welcomed into new situations and groups. Children will explore how through Baptism and Confirmation, people are given the gift of the Holy Spirit and are called to respond in their lives.



**Gift:** During this topic, the children will learn that gifts given and received are a sign and expression of love. They will explore and experience this through a range of activities, liturgies and plays. They will also learn how 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.

We have sent home the first topic's knowledge organizer for you to follow our learning.

## WHAT IS MY MISSION?

### MATHS

At the start of this term, we will be covering Place Value followed by adding and subtracting up to four digit numbers. In the latter weeks, we will look at multiplication and division. The children will continue to be set weekly Mathematics challenges as part of their homework. These activities help support the learning taking place in class.

Also, children will begin to practice and prepare for their Times Table Assessment by using the Rockstar Online Application. We recommend children taking the time daily to complete a 'Sound Check' to assess their times table knowledge.

## Homework

Homework will go home on Friday every week ranging from practice maths questions, mental maths, reading, punctuation, spelling and research tasks for our learning the following week. Please ensure homework is handed in by the following Wednesday.

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 15 pages of their book. **Please could we ask you to record their reading in the diaries on a daily basis and sign this. This will allow the children to earn their stickers which contribute towards earning their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.** 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.

**Topic:** Our question for our first half-term is, '**Where do rivers flow to?**'. We will be exploring the journey of different rivers and the water cycle through geography. Our Geography next half term will explore the Wonders of the World and knowledge of key geographic features around the world.



**Science:** This term in science we will be learning about changes of state, and how we can identify the differences between solids, liquids and gases. After half term, our question is, "**What's all that racket?**", learning about how sound is made. We will be finding out all about how we hear.

You will find the knowledge organisers for this half term's Geography and Science included, for you to follow our learning and share some of the key facts that have been taught at school.

**Literacy:** The exciting book that we will be studying in Literacy this term is 'The Land of Roar' by Jenny McLachlan. We will be learning how to use fronted adverbials and how to make effective language choices, including expanded noun phrases.



The Land of Roar  
By Jenny McLachlan

## PE and Uniform

This term, Year 4 will have PE **on a Wednesday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct PE kit:

White T-shirt, Black shorts or plain leggings or jogging bottoms, Plim-solls/trainers.

Please still ensure that **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.

## Snack and Drink

Your child may wish to bring in a snack for play-time. This needs to be either a **plain biscuit or fruit**.

Also, please ensure your child brings in a water bottle which **MUST** include plain, still water.

## 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 in advance for your support and we look forward to a successful and enjoyable Autumn term.

The Year 4 Team: Miss Uppal, Mr Balchin

