



AUTUMN-TERM NEWS

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 half term, our Year 4 RE learning will focus on the **RED Curriculum – Branch 1: Creation and Covenant**. Our big question is:

"Why is Abraham seen as a model of prayer?"

The children will build on their previous learning about understanding the first creation, knowing that we are made in the likeness and image of God, and recognising that stewardship means caring for God's world.

As we explore this new branch, the children will learn that **Abraham is one of the most important figures in the Bible** and discover how **God's covenant with Abraham is the foundation of faith**. Through Scripture, discussion, prayer, and reflection, they will consider Abraham's trust in God and why his relationship with God makes him a model of faith and prayer for Christians today.

RSHE: In our **Ten:Ten Life to the Full** lessons this half term, Year 4 will be exploring the topics of **The Sacraments** and **Respecting Our Bodies**.



Through these sessions, the children will develop their understanding of the sacraments as special encounters with God that strengthen our faith and help us to live as followers of Jesus. They will also learn about the importance of respecting and caring for their bodies, recognising that each person is uniquely created and loved by God. These lessons encourage children to value themselves and others, promoting positive relationships, healthy choices, and an appreciation of the dignity of every person.

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 Mathletics 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 Times Tables 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.

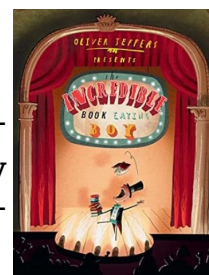
Topic: Our question for our first half-term is, **'Where do rivers flow to?'**. We will be exploring the journey of different rivers and the water cycle through geography. Our Geography next half term will explore Europe, the continent along with the countries and capital cities.



Science: This term in science we will be learning and exploring how our bodies digest food. They will learn about the journey food takes from the mouth to the stomach and intestines and how nutrients help us grow and stay healthy.

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 incredible book eating boy." It is a story about a boy who loves to eat books— literally! We will be discussing the characters motivations and his love of learning.



PE and Uniform

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

White T-shirt, Black shorts or plain leggings or jogging bottoms, Plimsolls/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: Mr Dickie, Mr Balchin