



Year 4 – Lent 2022

Welcome to Year 4!

Our team:

**Miss Tomycz, Mrs Dougal,
Miss Dawes, Mrs Rowntree,
Miss Grewal, Mr Connolly and
Miss Donnelly**

R.E.

Our RE topics from the 'Come and See' scheme will be:

- People
- Called
- Gifts



On the week commencing 14th November, we will be having a week to celebrate other faiths, focusing on Judaism.

Collective Worship

- Whole School on a Monday morning.
- Class-based on a Thursday morning.
- Celebration Assemblies will take place fortnightly, on Friday afternoon, at 2.45pm. Please note that parents will be informed beforehand if their child is receiving a certificate.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be doing:

- Place Value – Counting in 1000s and Roman Numerals
- Addition and Subtraction
- Measurement - Area
- Multiplication and Division



By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know **all** of their times tables. The times tables for Year 4 are the 6x, 7x and 9x tables, providing they know 3x, 4x and 8x tables from Year 3.

At the end of Year 4 children will be taking the statutory Multiplication Tables Check (more details to follow).

P.E.

P.E. will take place on a **Tuesday** (Class Teacher) and **Thursday** (Mr Connolly).

Your child should arrive at school, on the above days, in full P.E. kit.

This half term children will be doing Tag Rugby and Football and next half term they will be doing Hockey and Dodgeball.

**Please ensure all items of your child's P.E kit
and school uniform are clearly named.**

English

Our main texts for the Advent Term will be

- The Scarab's Secret
- I Was There at Tutankhamun's Tomb
- Egyptian Cinderella
- Iron Man / Woman
- Non-fiction
- Poetry.



We will be writing: a story, a diary, a list poem, instructions and a playscript.

In Year 4, children will be having daily whole class reading and English sessions. Additionally, there will be regular handwriting sessions, where children will practise their cursive joined handwriting. Weekly spellings will be given out and tested on a Monday and these will linked to topics and the Year 3 / 4 spelling list.

Music

Music lessons will take place on a Thursday with Miss Donnelly who is part of the Our Lady of Lourdes Music Team. All children will have the opportunity to learn to play a ukulele, starter flute (toot) or starter clarinet (dood). Their lessons will also include some theory-based work, including exploring syncopated rhythm, composition and listening to Latin music.



Wider Curriculum

Our topics for the Advent Term will be:

History: Ancient Egyptians

Geography: Earthquakes and Volcanoes

Design and Technology: Structures – Electrical Systems

Art: Water Colours – Joseph Turner

Science: Sound and Electricity

Computing: Coding and Online Safety

Children will also have a fortnightly PSHE lesson



Homework

- **Reading** - Children need to read for 15 minutes **each night** and at least twice a week to an adult. This can be their colour banded book or any other suitable reading material. Children need to record the name of the book and the pages they have read.
- **Spellings** - Spellings, and a related activity, will be given on a Monday and tested the following week.
- **Daily times tables** – Complete a times table sheet from the given booklet (sheets for the week to be returned to school every Tuesday). Children can play on TT Rock stars in addition to this. Heat maps will be sent home weekly to show progress.
- **Maths task** – This will be sent home every Friday, to be returned the following Friday. Work sent home will be linked to the week's Maths lessons and children should spend no more than 20 minutes on this.

Keep up to date

For current calendar events and newsletters visit:

www.goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk

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All communication from school will be via MYED. Please take the time to read any information sent.

Supporting your child at home

1. Listen to your child read at least twice a week, discuss their reading and make a note in their organiser.
 2. Encourage your child to write a reading comment after they read.
 3. Practise spellings every day.
 4. Practise times tables every day.
- This will be invaluable for when your child takes the statutory test.

Uniform



It is essential that EVERY item of uniform is clearly labelled as it wastes a lot of valuable learning time identifying lost items.

As our cloakrooms are very crowded, especially in the winter months, we struggle to fit everybody's bags in.

Please send your child in with an appropriately sized bag, just big enough to fit their reading folder and a NAMED water bottle.

Diary Dates

- Wednesday 14th September – Sports Day (rearranged from last summer)
- Tuesday 20th September - Meet the Teacher 3.30 – 4.30
- Wednesday 28th September – Mini-games Event at Arnold Hill (more details to follow)
- Monday 10th October – Bishop's Mass
- Wednesday 12th October – Egyptian Day (more details to follow)