

Year 4 – Advent 2023



Welcome to Year 4!

Our team:

**Miss Tomycz, Mrs Dougal,
Mrs Woodward, Miss Grewal,
Miss Junaid, Mr Connolly and
Mr Fox**

R.E.

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

- People
- Called
- Gifts



On the week commencing 20th November, we will be having a week to celebrate other faiths, focusing on Judaism.

Liturgical Prayer

- Whole School on a Monday morning.
- Class-based on a Wednesday 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 **Monday** (Class Teacher) and **Wednesday** (Mr Connolly). Your child should arrive at school, on the above days, in full P.E. kit.

This half term Mrs Dougal's class will be doing Fitness and Gymnastics and next half term they will be doing Dance and Dodgeball.

Miss Tomycz's class will be swimming on a Monday until February and will be doing Gymnastics and Dodgeball with Mr Connolly. Mrs Dougal's class will be swimming from February.

English

Our main texts for the Advent Term will be

- The Scarab's Secret
- The Mummy's Curse

We will be writing: a story, a diary, 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.

Our focus this term will be reading for pleasure and children should have their reading book and organiser in school every day.

Music

Music lessons will take place on a Wednesday morning with Mr Fox, 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: Computing systems and networks and Programming 1

PSHE: Physical Health and Relationships



Homework

- **Reading** – for the first half term the only homework we will be setting is reading to embed positive reading habits. Children need to read for 15 minutes **each night (preferably 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.
- **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.

After half term homework will include:

- Daily reading
- Daily times tables practice
- Weekly spellings
- Maths tasks
- A knowledge organiser task

Keep up to date

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

Supporting your child at home

1. Listen to your child read, discuss their reading and make a note in their organiser.
2. Encourage your child to write a reading comment after they read.
3. 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 and PE kit 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

- 18th September - Meet the Teacher 3.30 – 4.30
- 10th October – Egyptian Day (more details to follow)
- 18th October Parents' Evening —more information to follow
- W/C 13th November Anti Bullying Week
- W/C 20th November – Judaism Week
- 24th November Non-uniform day
- 25th November GS Christmas Fayre at Good Shepherd Church