

Year 4 – Advent 2024



Welcome to Year 4!

Our team:

**Miss Tomycz, Mrs Dougal,
Miss Dawes, Mrs Sarno,
Mrs Bramley, 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 18th November, we will be having a week to celebrate other faiths, focusing on Judaism.

In school this year we will be focusing on serving others. During our year of service we will be thinking of ways in which we can serve others within our community.

Celebration of the Word

- Whole School Collective Worship on a Monday morning.
- Celebration Assemblies will take place fortnightly on Friday afternoon at 2.45pm. 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 term we will be learning:

FUNDAMENTALS: balance, speed, agility, skipping and challenges.

BALL SKILLS: tracking, collecting, dribbling, throwing and catching.

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 lessons. Additionally, there will be regular handwriting sessions, where children will practise their cursive joined handwriting.

Children will have time each day to read for pleasure and should have their reading book and organiser in school every day.

Music

Music lessons will take place on a Thursday 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** –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** – A times table sheet will be sent home each week, in the homework book. In addition, children should be accessing TTRS every day.
- **Weekly spellings**
- **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.
- **A wider curriculum-based 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

- 17 September - Meet the Teacher 3.30-4.30pm
- 23 September – Peace Week
- 1 October – Egyptian Day
- 10 October – Mental Health Day
- 16 October Parents' Evening —more information to follow
- W/C 11 November Anti Bullying Week
- W/C 18 November – Judaism Week
- 29 November Non-uniform day
- 30 November Good Shepherd Christmas Fayre at Good Shepherd Church