

Welcome to Year 4!

Our team:

**Miss Tomycz, Mrs Dougal,
Miss Dales, Mr McLaughlin,
Miss Degasper, Mr Connolly
and Mr Fox**

R.E.

This year in RE we will be implementing a new RE curriculum based on the RE Curriculum Directory – To know you more clearly.

The curriculum is based on six branches.

During the Advent term we will focus on branches one and two.

- **Creation and Covenant**

The life of Abraham and his Covenant with God, virtues of faith, hope, and love – how they have been used by others and how we use them to inform our own decisions and foundations of faiths – Judaism and Christianity.

- **Prophecy and Promise**

The prophet Elijah and Isaiah, John the Baptist, The Feast of Christ the King, The Jesse Tree and Advent.



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).

English



We will begin the year with a focus on punctuation and grammar.

Our main text for the Advent Term will be *The Mummy's Curse* by M A Bennett. We will be writing a non-chronological report, a diary entry and a Haiku poem.

In Year 4, children will take part in whole class reading lessons, this will also include reading comprehension. 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.

P.E.

P.E. will take place on **Wednesdays** (Mr Connolly) and **Fridays** (Class Teacher) 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.

Dance and Dodgeball

Music

Music lessons will take place on a Wednesday afternoon with Mr Fox, who is part of the Our Lady of Lourdes Music Team.

Lessons will include some practical and theory-based work.

Advent 1:

Explore syncopated rhythm, composition, listening to Latin music and performing.

Advent 2:

Listen to and perform techno music and learn to read some musical notes.



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

During September we will focus solely on reading, spellings and times tables to encourage positive habits at school and at home. From w/c 29th September usual homework will commence this will include:

- **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 task based on another curriculum area**

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 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

- 15th September - Meet the Teacher 3.30 – 4.30
- 16th September – Egyptian Day
- 30th September – Visit to St Barnabas Cathedral
- 10th October – Mental Health Day
- 15th October Parents' Evening (more details to follow)
- 5th November – Individual photographs
- W/C 10th November Anti Bullying Week
- 28th November Non-uniform day - Bring a bottle for the Christmas Fayre
- 29th November GS Christmas Fayre at Good Shepherd Church
- 30th November – Advent Mass in church
- 19th December – Carol concert in church & Christmas jumper day