

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



Year 4

Autumn Term 1

English

In English, we will be using the Disney short film 'Feast' as a stimulus for our narrative writing. Children will focus their independent write on the story from another perspective. We will also be using 'The diary of Illiona' which is a book about a diary written by a girl in Ancient Rome. Children will write their own diary entries from this period of history. They will also be writing short poem inspired by their own dreams.

Maths

To start this year, we will be column addition and subtraction as the first topic. After that children will be exploring and understanding area. To finish the half term the children will be learning about area. Children will also be learning times tables rules and practising recall daily.

Science

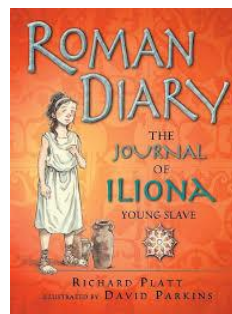
Children will be learning about animals including humans. During this unit of work, children will learn about the importance of the digestive system and learn the names and functions of each part of the system and be able to identify the different types of teeth in humans and their purpose. They will extend their knowledge of food chains by constructing and interpreting a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

RE

In RE, we will be focusing on the theme of Creation and Covenant. In this branch the children will: explore the call of Abraham and Sarah who become models of faith, prayer and obedience to God and His eternal covenant with them; recognise the Christian theological virtues; and, their relationship to prayer.

History

In History, the children will be learning about Ancient Greece. They will explore what life was like in Ancient Greek civilisation, including its achievements, beliefs, and influence on the modern world. Children will learn about Greek gods and goddesses, the Olympic Games, and the development of democracy, while comparing aspects of Ancient Greek life with life today through a range of sources and activities.



Computing

In Computing, children will be taught about collaborative learning and how the children can connect work with computers.

Design Technology In Design Technology, we will look at food technology, the children will be making an adapted recipe for biscuits using different ingredients. They will research, explore, plan make and evaluate their product.

Music

In Music, children will be learning and listening to the genre Pop music we will be studying music from the band 'ABBA'.

PSHE

This term the children will look at health and wellbeing and how they can support their emotional wellbeing too. This will be done by reviewing the topic as 'me, my body and health. They will learn about how they can make healthy options.

PE

In PE, lessons with Miss Kalsi will focus on invasion games learning tactical skills when playing football.

French

Children will learn about pets and different things which may be in our home.

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Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you all have had a lovely summer holiday. The children have made an excellent start to Year 4 and I am really looking forward to lots of fun and learning over the next term. I look forward to working with you to ensure the children have a successful and enjoyable year. If you have anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Key information

Homework – Homework books must be brought in every **Wednesday** where children will receive their new spellings, their homework will be given out on a **Friday**. Spelling tests will be on a **Friday**. Children should bring their reading record books in daily for guided reading sessions and then take them home at night where they can record what they have read. Reading books will be changed throughout the week when the child has finished their book, or I am happy that they are ready to move on.

Children will receive homework grids each half term- a homework grid has 6 tasks where your child may pick one task per week to complete in their homework book. At the end of Year 4 children will complete a statutory times tables test so its essential children go on **TT Rockstar's for 10 minutes per day**.

Children should have a book bag to carry letters, homework, reading book and reading record. This is to come to school every day. No backpacks as we have limited room in the classroom/cloakroom.

Please ensure that your child has a labelled water bottle in school at all times.

P.E kits –Your child will wear PE kit on their PE days. The school PE kit should include: a blue T shirt, blue /black shorts/jogging bottoms and trainers. No jewellery to be worn during P.E. lessons.

P.E. will be on a ***Tuesday and Friday***

I am always available after school if you wish to discuss any issues or concerns. If you wish to arrange an appointment, please contact Mrs Johnson in the school office.

I look forward to having a great first term with all Year 4 children.

Thank you for your continued co-operation and support,

Miss Kalsi