

Year 4 Spring term

Welcome back to Class 4!

I hope you all had a fabulous Christmas break and enjoyed spending lots of time celebrating with family and friends during the festive period!

If you have any questions or concerns about your child please do not hesitate to make an appointment with me after school.



Homework

Spellings and **times tables** are given out each Monday to be learned for a test every **Friday**. The children's spellings have been changed recently so that each week, the spelling list will include words which follow the week's 'rule' (the children discuss this in class) as well as some words from the year 3/4 spelling lists.

As part of their 'reading at home' this term, children in class 4 will also begin to complete **reading comprehension homework** every 2 weeks, where they will read a text and answer questions about it. The homework task will be given out on Monday, and will be detailed on their usual spelling sheet. It should be completed and handed in on the Friday of the following week. This will be completed in work books which the children will be provided with, and will be marked in class by the children. This can also be recorded in children's reading records.

This term we will be learning about ...

Mathematics

This term, children will be learning about:

- Multiplying using the formal written method
- Area
- Fractions of amounts
- Adding and subtracting fractions
- Equivalent fractions
- Decimals
- Converting between units of measure



RE

Our new RE topic is 'Community', which the children will begin by learning about the communities we belong to. We will focus on the Church community and the roles and responsibilities of people within our parish.

We will spend a week this term learning about Islam as part of our studies in to other faiths.

Before half term, the children will begin their Eucharist topic, as part of their Sacramental

Preparation. During this topic, they will learn more about the Sacrament, as they continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion.

The children will then begin their Lent and Easter topic, where they will think about the scripture, actions and symbols linking to this important time in the Church's year.

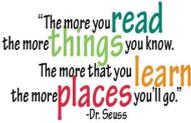
English

The children will be developing their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills by studying the following text types:

- Non-chronological reports
- Discussions
- Poetry
- Narratives
- Biographies

Reading

In class, the children regularly take part in whole class guided reading, group reading and independent reading. This is extremely important as it not only helps children to develop their reading skills but also helps improve their writing, communication skills and their vocabulary.



It is vital that children are also being given the opportunity to read as much as possible at home too. Please continue to encourage your child to read independently, as well as reading with them as much as

possible. This needs to be recorded in their reading record.

Topic

We begin the Spring term by studying the Romans. Class 4 will study timelines of the key events in Roman history, the Roman invasions, Julius Caesar, the spread of the Roman Empire and the building of Roman roads.



The children will then study the digestive system in a Science based topic, as well as learning about teeth and food chains.

After half term, Class 4 will study the Victorians. We will focus on children at work, crime and punishment, Victorian medicine and inventors and inventions from this time period.



The children will also learn about countries in Europe in their geography based topic, working on their map reading skills and finding out more about life in other countries with different cultures and traditions.

PE and Swimming

The children will continue to have PE on Thursday mornings, so should come to school in their PE kits. They will then have their swimming lessons at Durham School on Thursday afternoon. Children will need swimming costumes/trunks, a swimming hat and a towel. Children are also permitted to wear goggles during the lessons.