

Year 4 Spring 2023

Welcome back! We have lots of things to look forward to this term . . .

COME AND SEE

The children will study the following topics:



• **Community - The Life of the Local Christian Community** The people of God gathered in Christ, united in the journey of faith, in care for one another, in sharing their story and in celebration.

• **Giving & Receiving - Eucharist** The invitation to know Jesus, to live in communion with him and with one another.

• **Self Discipline- Lent/Easter - Giving** Jesus' loving self-giving on the cross, the Father's love that raises him to new life and the challenge to Christians to follow Jesus' example of self-giving.

How to help at home: Discuss how communities work together and talk about the communities you belong to. Take your child to Mass as much as possible, so they become familiar with the structure of the Mass for their First Holy Communions.

ENGLISH



- Non-chronological reports
- Fantasy narrative

How to help at home: Listen to your child read, and read aloud to your child, as often as possible. School

reading books will be given out with a reading record. Please fill in your child's reading record each time they read their school reading book aloud. The children will be given an opportunity to change their reading book once a week. Please find opportunities at home to read together for enjoyment.

MATHS

- Multiplication and division
- Fractions and decimals
- Time and measure

How to help at home: Help your child to become fluent with multiplication facts up to 12 X 12. Allow children to log on to TTRockstars



regularly as all children will be undertaking the government multiplication test in Summer term. Show children analogue and digital clocks and help them become familiar with telling the time throughout the day.

SCIENCE

Through the topic 'Living Things and their Habitats', the children will study:

- How living things can be grouped
- Name a variety of living things
- How different environments are suited to different living things
- How environments can change which can pose a danger.

Through the topic 'Animals, Including Humans', the children will study:

- Teeth and eating
- Exploring how teeth help in the digestive process
- How to keep teeth healthy.

How to help at home: Discuss healthy eating and good oral hygiene but remembering that some food is better than none. Go on a mini-beast hunt around your garden/street. Discuss how animals adapt to live in their habitats. Make posters to promote healthy eating and teeth brushing.



COMPUTING

Children will continue to study computer programming and will focus on animation using the 'Scratch' programme.

How to help at home: Encourage children to visit the Scratch website using the link on the school website. Go to Children - Favourite Websites - Click on Scratch. Discuss ways of keeping themselves safe online and on the internet.

GEOGRAPHY

The children will begin their study of Europe.

- Locating countries and cities on maps and in atlases.
- Comparing climate

How to help at home: Encourage children to use maps/globes/atlasses at home. Look at the human and physical features of their environment.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

1- half term

Thursday - Outdoor - Tennis

Friday - Indoor - gymnastics

2- half term

Monday - Outdoor - cricket

Friday - Indoor - gymnastics

Children are to come into school in their PE kit on both days.

How to help at home: Discuss the importance of exercise. Encourage children to be as active as possible. Take children swimming as often as possible.

DT

Children will be planning and constructing a light using their knowledge of electrical circuits.

How to help at home: Visit art galleries. Experiment with different media. Print off and cut off a part of a painting and complete the rest.



MUSIC

All children are lucky to participate in Wider Opportunities String lessons. Here they will be loaned an instrument to learn. Children must bring their instrument in to school every Wednesday in order to participate in lessons.

How to help at home: In order to maximise this opportunity, it is important for the children to practise at home regularly.



KEY DATES

Parents Evenings: (further details will follow)

Thank you once again for your continued support. It is very much appreciated. We are looking forward to another fantastic term together.

Year 4 Team