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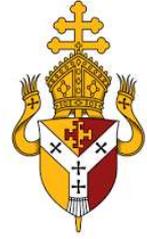
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Welcome to Year 4

Its great to be back and have a lovely new class to work with!

Mrs .Hunt is the class teacher and Miss Newey is the Teaching Assistant.

We will always make ourselves available should you need to see us for any reason. Your childrens happiness and education is important to us and we hope to develop a great relationship between home and school.

What are we learning about?

Maths

Learning and practising times tables to 12 and the four rules of number.

Fractions

Compare and order unit fractions, and fractions with the same denominators. Equivalent fractions.

Add and subtract fractions with the same denominator within one whole

Geometry Recognise angles as a property of shape or a description of a turn.

Identify right angles, whether angles are greater than or less than a right angle.

Identify horizontal and vertical lines, perpendicular and parallel.

Draw 2-D shapes

Recognise 3-D shapes in different orientations and describe them.

English

Focus on phonics and cursive handwriting.

1st Half term

Aesops fables

Poetry :Classic and modern

2nd half term

Persuasive writing: Advertising

Modern fiction: "The Eye of the Wolf"

Geography

1st half term: Earning a Living

Explore different jobs and how important they are.

Explore industries within the U.K. How do people earn a living across the world? Finding out about unemployment and its effects upon people.

R.E.

Creation: in this unit the children will hear and learn about some important stories from the Book of Genesis. They will explore some important

images of God found in these stories and consider what it mean for human beings to be made in the image and likeness of God.

Reconciliation:this unit involves the children exploring human choices,consequences of sin,Christ's teaching on forgiveness and the sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Eucharist is a thanksgiving to God:this unit deepens the childrens understanding of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. They will think about why it is such an important celebration in the life and worship of Catholic Christians

Advent: In this unit of work ,the children will

learn about the ancestors of Jesus and that he was descended from the House of David.

Through this work the children will be able to place the story of the first coming of Jesus into an historical context.

Christmas: in this unit of work, the children will study the role of angels in the story of Christmas. They will learn about Christians being messengers of Christs Good News in the world today and how the Church celebrates the Feast of Christmas.

Design technology

The children will create their own pencil case using sewing skills and will practise and compare stitches.

They then evaluate their finished product.

Computing

History

2nd half term:

Early Civilisations

Explore where the first civilisations began, the first writing systems used and exploring trade. Find out about mathematical understanding. Explore the technology and inventions of early civilisations and researching about buildings and architecture.

Science

1st half term

Changing Sound.

Investigating how sound is made and how it travels through different materials. They will investigate different instruments and learn about pitch.

2nd half term:

Circuits and Conductors

Identify the components of a circuit. Know about the dangers of electricity.

Build and test circuits .They will plan and carry out experiments, changing one factor at a time and drawing conclusions

P.E.

1st half term Dance

To understand how dance can convey character and humour

Problem Solving and inventing Games

Children work cooperatively to plan and construct different types of games, selecting the skills and tactics that are appropriate for each type of game.

2nd half term

Gymnastics: Balance

Create and perform a sequence which combines four or more balances with travelling movements , jumps or rolls.

Dance: Electricity

TO be able to link movements in dance together using appropriate transitional movement.

All term

We are toy designers.

Children will design and make an on -screen prototype of a computer controlled toy.

Understand different forms of input and output(sensors ,switches, motors, lights, speakers)

Design, write and debug the control and monitoring program for their toy.

Art

Warhol and the pop art movement

The children will learn about Andy Warhol, the artist. They will explore different ways of creating art and design their own work based on his style.

Special days / Dates

Friday 2nd October – CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Friday 9th October – Online Mass with His Grace the Archbishop of Birmingham

Tuesday 20th October – Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 21st November – First Holy Communion Mass

P.E. days

Monday (usually outdoors so please bring sensible trainers and jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt /hoody can be worn)

Prayer Partner gatherings

Year 4 has been partnered with year 1 where they will share liturgies

Homework days

Homework (Maths and English) will be given out on a Friday to be returned by the following Thursday to enable it to be marked.

Your child is also encouraged to read at home and will soon be bringing home a reading book, which can be changed regularly.

Please also practise times tables up to 12x as this is a very important part of your child's learning.

Spelling test day

Spellings are given out on Thursday and tested the following Thursday

Class saint

Year 4's class saint is St. Vincent de Paul and his feast day is on 27th September. On this special day, your child can wear their own clothes to school.

Values for Autumn Term:

Curious and Active until half term

CURIIOUS: about the world and what we can do to make it a better place for everyone. ACTIVE: in our school, community, parish & home life to actively make a difference.

Intentional and Prophetic after half term

INTENTIONAL: making a conscious decision to treat other people and our world in the thoughtful, kind and dignified way the Church teaches us to – this is our INTENTION. PROPHETIC: By living in the way the Church teaches – we are prophetic through setting a positive example of our faith life to others – we become like a PROPHET who can set a good example of how to live in Christ.

A God who Speaks

The vision of the Archdiocese of Birmingham is to encourage us to reengage with scripture.

Autumn Term 1 focus scripture:

"In the beginning the Word already existed;
the Word was with God, and the Word was God"

John 1:1

Autumn Term 2 focus scripture:

"The word became a human being and, full of grace
and truth, lived among us" John 1:14