



Year 4 Newsletter – Advent Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very pleased to be welcoming your child into Year 4 and being part of their learning journey at St Peter's. Here is an overview of what we will be learning this half term.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo or in person at the end of the school day.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Read

General Information

P.E – lessons will be on Tuesday and Thursday although P.E. kits should be kept in school so that they are available everyday if needed.

Reading books – the children should be reading their allocated reading scheme book every day at home. When they have finished reading the book they can change it at school the next day.

Weekly tests – the children will have a spelling and times table test every Friday. A list of spellings and test details will be sent home at the beginning of each half term.

Homework – homework will be given out on a Friday and should be completed and returned to school by the following Wednesday.

Maths

- Place value.
- Addition and subtraction.

We will also be completing reasoning activities on each of these areas in order to promote the mastery of the Year 4 curriculum.

Times Tables

Throughout the year we will be preparing the children for the Multiplication Tables Check assessment that all of the children, in Year 4, will be completing during the Summer Term. In order to prepare them for this we will be having a weekly test on a given times table and this half term we will be focusing on the 3x and 6x tables and corresponding division facts. The children will also be able to practice their times table skills by playing the Soundcheck Game on TT RockStars and [Daily 10 - Mental Maths Challenge - Topmarks](#) as these activities will prepare them for the timings of the test at the end of the year.

English

We will be reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and will explore:

- Character descriptions
- Recounts – letters, newspaper reports and diary entries
- Author fact files

In grammar we will focus on: determiners, clauses, conjunctions, adverbs, prepositions, direct speech and past/present tense.

Our spellings will focus on words ending in -sion, -ssion and -cian and learning some of the Year 3 and 4 words.

RE

In RE we will start with our Domestic Church topic looking at 'people' including our own family and the family of God in scripture. We will compare family trees and look at key members of Jesus' family. We will look at the community of the Church and how the parish joins together.

We will begin our second topic 'belonging' and discuss how we feel about being chosen. We will talk about the Apostles and how they felt about being chosen before looking in detail at the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Music

This year we will be learning to play the Ukulele which will be taught by Miss Pattinson , a peripatetic music teacher. The children will be able to borrow a ukulele from the school, further details to follow, which will need to be available in school for their lesson on a Tuesday.

Science

We will look at 'Sound'. In this unit, children will:

- Identify sounds and how they can be made
- Know how vibrations travel to the ear and through the air
- Learn how the pitch of a sound changes and how to make a pitched instrument including changing the volume.
- Investigate how sound travels through different mediums

Computing

Our topic will be focusing on Internet Safety. We will discuss and explore:

- How to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly
- A range of ways to report concerns and inappropriate behaviour
- How to use search technologies effectively
- How results are selected and ranked, and be discerning in evaluating digital content.

Art/ D&T

We will be focusing on art this half term and will be developing our drawing, painting and sculpture techniques by looking at and recreating fruit and vegetable art.

History

We will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Scots. We will find out:

- How, why and where the Anglo-Saxons and Scots invaded Britain
- The influence of the Anglo-Saxons in England
- key aspects of Anglo-Saxon village life
- The conversion to Christianity

PSHE

Our topics are:

- Being Safe: Online Safety.
- Exploring Emotions: Uncomfortable Feelings.