

YEAR 4 CLASS NEWSLETTER



AUTUMN 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to St Mary's, we hope that you and your family enjoyed a peaceful Summer break. The children have settled well back into their new class and we are looking forward to our year of learning together. Your support in ensuring that your child completes their Home Learning every week will continue to help your child to make accelerated progress and reach their full potential.

Curriculum

We will continue our Maths and Literacy learning by building on the key skills that the children learned last year. Our topics this term will be Polar Explorers and Stormy Weather. We will be delivering a lot of the learning in Science, History, Geography, Art and Design Technology through our topics, with links to the learning in Literacy and Maths. Below is an outline of what we will be covering in our curriculum.

<p>English</p> 	<p>In English, we will be learning how to edit our writing, both independently and with a partner. We will be reviewing how to use basic punctuation (commas, speech marks and apostrophes) and understanding why it is important to punctuate writing correctly. In addition, we will be writing our own 'Rags to Riches' tales based on the story of 'Cinderella'. By the end of the term, the children will be expected to punctuate their writing with a greater degree of accuracy, use neat cursive script and edit their work carefully.</p>
<p>Destination Reader</p> 	<p>This term, we will be learning about our reading strategies of clarifying, inferring, summarising, making connections, predicting, evaluating and questioning. We will be reading the books 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' and 'I was a Rat' to practice combining these reading strategies. The children will also practice how to support and actively listen to others while reading. Please ensure that you hear your child read every day and update their Reading Record.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>This half term we will be focusing on Place Value, Addition and Subtraction. We will be learning how to partition four-digit numbers, place them on a number line and round them to the nearest 10 or 100. We will review column addition and subtraction. In the second half of the term, we will be learning about Area, Multiplication and Division. By the end of the term, the children will be expected to calculate the area of a shape and to solve problems using their 6 and 7 times table facts. We will be launching our Times Table challenge before half-term, so please practice your multiplication tables at home.</p>
<p>RE</p> 	<p>In RE, we will be learning about who Jesus is to Christians and why He is so important in their lives. To help us, we will study what is written in the Bible, particularly Jesus's 'I am...' statements. In the second half term, we will be considering why Peace is such an important message at Christmas.</p>
<p>Topic</p> 	<p>Our topic this half term is 'Polar Explorers'. In Geography, the pupils will revise their knowledge of countries, continents, and oceans. They will learn about latitude and longitude, the equator, the Northern and Southern Hemispheres and the North and South Poles. In History, they will research Matthew Henson, one of the famous explorers who reached the Arctic. They will compare the resources and equipment used by Polar explorers with modern expeditions today. In Science, the children will experiment with magnets and magnetic materials. They will find out which magnet is the strongest, using a fair test. In DT, they will also design and make a magnetic maze game.</p>
<p>Values</p> 	<p>We will be focusing on the whole school values of Respect and Peace. We will be exploring these values throughout this term and children will have the opportunity to learn how these values can be displayed, referring to examples from Bible stories and influential figures.</p>
<p>Comp Uting</p> 	<p>In Computing, we will be learning to describe some differences between private/public communication, to explain why sending & receiving messages can be dangerous and to know that it is wrong to present another person's work as your own. We will also learn how to create computer games using repeat loops.</p>



Key Dates

- Mon 12th September – we will be launching our Harvest collection, please donate any non-perishable food items (tins, jars and packets) to support those most in need
- Mon 19th September - SCHOOL CLOSED due to the Queen's funeral
- Wed 21st September 8:30AM – Parents are invited to visit our Prayer Day in St Mary's Church
- Tue 27th September – SCHOOL PHOTOS
- Wed 28th September 9AM – Harvest worship in Church
- Tue 11th October – Reading Champions training for parent volunteers
- Fri 21st October – SCHOOL CLOSED – deferred Bank Holiday
- Sun 23rd October 10:00AM – First Communion service at St Mary's Church
- Mon 24th – Fri 28th October – HALF TERM
- Thu 17th November – PARENTS EVENING
- Fri 18th November – SCHOOL CLOSED – Inset Day
- Thu 8th December - Immunisations
- Wed 14th December 2PM – Candlelit Carol Service
- Thu 15th December – 1:00PM – End of Term

Key Reminders

- Please be on time at the beginning (8:45) and end (3:15) of the school day
- Please ring the school office if you have arranged for a new person to collect your child



PE

Please note that the children must bring the correct PE kit (plain navy blue/black jogging bottoms, plain white t-shirt and plain black plimsolls/trainers) to every PE lesson. Our PE coach, Mr Tientcheu, will lead the children in the PE curriculum alongside their teacher. **PE lessons will be on Thursday.**



Jewellery

We advise that the children do not wear **any** jewellery to school although plain stud earrings are acceptable. Please bear in mind that if your child is wearing earrings they need to be able to remove them themselves for PE lessons.

Clothing

Please make sure that all of your child's items of clothing are clearly labelled with their names. This applies to all items of school uniform, PE kit and coats. School shoes should be plain and black.

Home Learning - will be set on Friday and should be completed by Tuesday. In addition to the learning set, your children should be regularly practicing their times tables, spellings and reading every day.

There is a clear expectation that every child fully completes their Home Learning every week and we will be keeping a record and contacting parents where this is not the case.

Reading - It is vital that your child reads to you every day. Please complete their reading journal and ensure that they bring it into school **daily**. Your child will be given books, which we will aim to change on a weekly basis. If you have any concerns or would like some support with this, then please contact the school.

Appointments - If you have any queries or wish to make an appointment, please ring the School office on 0208 6902613 or email admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk

We greatly value your support with your child's learning.

Miss Stead (Class Teacher) Mrs Gaitan (Teaching Assistant) Mrs Visan (Teaching Assistant)