

# YEAR 4 CLASS NEWSLETTER



AUTUMN 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to St Mary's. Thank you so much for supporting the school at the beginning of term by following all of the Covid-19 guidance to ensure that the school is as safe as possible. The children have settled well into their new class and we have really enjoyed getting to know them.

## Curriculum

We have carefully designed our curriculum, recognising that the children missed several months of schooling in the last 2 academic years. We will have a strong focus on PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) in order to give the children time and space to share their feelings. Staff have been trained in Growth Mindset, which will help children in developing their self-confidence and their resilience to cope with challenges. As well as promoting the children's wellbeing, these skills will also support them as learners.

We will begin our Maths and Literacy learning with a focus on key skills, in order to assess where the children are in their learning so that we can build from this starting point.

<p>English</p> 	<p>We will be using the book 'The Invisible' to explore our feelings and to develop our basic skills in Literacy, which will include using powerful language to describe their feelings and writing in role as the main character. This half term we will be looking at poetry and fiction texts. We will focus on writing grammatically accurate sentences that are punctuated correctly (including the use of commas and apostrophes.)</p>
<p>Destination Reader &amp; Phonics</p> 	<p>This half term we will be using a reading programme to teach the children about different learning behaviours to support them in sessions, including being able to discuss and explain their ideas about a text. They will also learn how to make predictions using evidence from the text and practicing applying a range of strategies to help them when clarifying the meaning of a word.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>This half-term we will be focusing on number and place value. This will begin by identifying the value of digits in 4-digit numbers and comparing and ordering 4-digit numbers. We will then learn how to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We will also solve number problems that involve increasingly large numbers.</p>
<p>RE</p> 	<p>This term we will be learning about Jesus and the miracles he taught. This includes exploring statements Jesus made about himself and describing him through symbolism. The children will also consider what constitutes as a miracle and learn about some of the miracles Jesus performed.</p>
<p>Topic</p> 	<p>Our topic this term will be Stones and Bones. 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. The Pupil Topic Map outlines what we will be covering in our curriculum.</p>
<p>Values</p> 	<p>We will start by learning about 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, their daily lives and influential figures.</p>
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>We will focus on E-Safety and learning to use technology safely. Children will continue to spend time online to complete homework and it is vital that we continue to educate them on how to be safe when using a phone, tablet, laptop or PC.</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>We will continue to use the Charanga scheme of learning. Our song for the term is from ABBA- Mamma Mia.</p>

## Key Dates

- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 - Meet the Teacher zoom meetings (3:30PM)
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - Parent Growth Mindset session – online from home or from the community hub (9:15am)
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 – School Photographer
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October - HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November - INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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. No zips, slogans or hoods please. Our PE coach, Mr Tientcheu, will lead the children in their PE curriculum alongside their teacher. **PE lessons will be on Thursdays.**

## 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.

## Homework

Homework will be set on Purple Mash and IXL every Friday and is due back in by Tuesday. In addition to the homework set, your children should be regularly practicing times tables and weekly spellings.

## Reading

It is vital that your child reads to you every day. Please complete their reading record 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

As you will be aware, parents are not allowed on the school premises at this time. 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](mailto:admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk)

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

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