



**St Anne's Catholic Primary School**  
Christ at the heart of all we do

*"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16.*

**Welcome to Year 4!**

**Your child's teacher will be Miss Ratcliffe.**

**We have lots of wonderful things to look forward to during AUTUMN ONE.**

## **RE**

In RE we will be studying the Bible and reflecting on how the Bible is how God speaks to us, shows His love for us and how the Bible can help us. We will explore the origin of the Bible, the layout of the Bible, how to use our Bible and we will reflect on the importance of the Bible in the past as well as in modern day. We will learn about stories from the Bible when God called on different people to show His trust and their love. We will begin with the calling of Abraham and the importance of the challenges and blessings Abraham received. We will also explore God's call to Joseph and reflect on how God had a plan for Joseph. We will learn about the calling of Moses, the 10 plagues of Egypt and reflect on the special jobs God gave Moses. We will reflect on David's trust in God when we learn about the calling of David, including the story of David and Goliath. We will then reflect on messages in the Bible from God, including how they can help people who are lonely, help forgiveness, help worry and help someone to trust in God.

## **MATHS**

Our area of focus in Maths this half term will be place value. We will begin with revisiting representing and partitioning numbers to 1000 and we will move on to representing, ordering, partitioning and comparing numbers to 10,000. We will practise ordering and estimating numbers on a number line. We will find 1, 10, 100 and 1000 more or less of a number. We will learn about Roman Numerals and explore their importance. We will learn about rounding numbers and we will focus on rounding numbers to the nearest ten, nearest hundred and nearest thousand. We will then move on to learning about addition and subtraction, starting with adding and subtracting ones, tens, hundreds and thousands. We will learn about adding and subtracting using formal, column method, including adding and subtracting with no exchanges, then with one or more exchanges. We will develop our skills of estimating answers and using checking strategies for accurate answers.

## ENGLISH

We begin Year 4 by reading *Gorilla* by Anthony Browne. We will use the fiction book as a hook to produce lots of wonderful writing. This book will support us to develop accurate use of punctuation, prepositions, adverbs and conjunctions and to use the past and present tense consistently and correctly. We will explore using expanded noun phrases in our writing, using and punctuating fronted adverbials, developing our accuracy of speech punctuation and structuring paragraphs. We will finish the unit with planning, writing and editing our own fiction narrative of an animal adventure story. We will enjoy reading lots of high-quality children's literature alongside this book. Our class book during shared-reading lessons is *A World Full of Animals Stories* by Angela McAllister. I hope the Year 4 pupil's continue to access and read lots of different texts outside of school, including children's literature and non-fiction texts.

## SPELLING

In Spelling for this half term we will begin with learning about words with /aw/ spelt with 'augh' and 'au'. We will explore adding prefixes, including 'in' meaning 'not' or 'into', the prefix 'im' before a root word which begins with an 'm' or 'p', adding the prefix 'il' before a root word beginning with 'l' and adding the prefix 'ir' before a root word beginning with 'r'. We will then look at homophones and near homophones. We will learn about the spelling of words with /shun/ endings spelt with 'sion' if the root word ends in 'se', 'de' or 'd'.

## SCIENCE

In Science this half term, we will be studying Animals including Humans with a specific focus on the digestive system, answering the question 'What happens to the food we eat?' We will begin by learning about the different types of teeth humans have and exploring their function and how they are useful. We will use this knowledge to look at the teeth of different animals and compare the differences between the teeth of herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We will learn about the different organs which make up our digestive system and where they are in the human body. We will imagine we are a piece of food and learn about the journey it takes through the human body. We will explore different food chains and how they work, exploring key components such as producers, prey and predators. We will reflect on what could happen if a food chain changes, including the effect humans could have on life in the future through environmental changes.

## HISTORY

In History this half term, we will be learning about Ancient Greece. We will begin with exploring timelines and the important dates within Ancient Greece. We will then explore the locality of Greece, researching the geography of the country and the surrounding countries. We will then start learning about the reign of Alexander the Great and his importance. We will explore what life was like in Ancient Greece, including art, society, education, sport and war. We will learn about the importance of Greek gods and the different gods and goddesses. We will compare and contrast the

Athenians and Spartans. We will then learn about the Olympics in Ancient Greece and how this has influenced our Olympics today. We will explore the ways in which our lives today are similar to Ancient Greece, including language, democracy, architecture and ideas.

## ART

In Art this half term, we will be complete the unit on Insects. We will be focusing on how to use pencil, colour, mosaic design, and sculpture to create quality artwork based around a topic of insects. The children will have the opportunity to explore the work of a range of 'Insect' artists, in particular, Louise Bourgeois and Jennifer Angus.

## P.E.

This half term the children will learn netball skills and gymnastics skills. In netball, we will practise passing, including bounce passes, chest passes and overhead passes. We will learn footwork skills, including pivoting, as well as learning shooting. We will the rules of the game and play in different positions. In gymnastics, we will practise performing different types of jumps with turns, performing bunny hops and different types of rolls. We will practise skipping, supporting our body weight with different balances, performing mirroring balances with control, performing sequences in unison and jumping safely. **PE days for Year 4 children are Tuesday and Wednesday.** Please ensure your child arrives to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

## COMPUTING

Children will apply their knowledge and understanding of networks, to appreciate the internet as a network of networks which need to be kept secure. They will learn that the World Wide Web is part of the internet, and will be given opportunities to explore the World Wide Web for themselves in order to learn about who owns content and what they can access, add, and create. Finally, they will evaluate online content to decide how honest, accurate, or reliable it is, and understand the consequences of false information.

## PSHCE

This half term we will be following 'My Happy Mind' and learning about our brains. We will explore how our brains work and how we process our feelings. We will learn about how we can focus and train our minds and how brains can grow. We will learn about different parts of the brain and what their roles are. We will look at what happens in our brains when we feel different emotions. We will learn about how neurons work in the brain, how we can form habits and what can happen if we don't look after our brain. We will also practise Happy Breathing. We will also be covering diversity, British Values, stereotypes and environmental issues through different stories.

## MUSIC

This half term we will be learning to play the clarinet. Clarinet lessons will take place on Friday mornings. We are really looking forward to learning how to play this woodwind instrument. We will also learn the parts of a clarinet, how to assemble them and how to take care of the clarinet.

## FRENCH

Our first topic in French in Year 4 is called 'All around Town'. We will learn how to ask and answer the question, 'Where do you live?' We will learn how to describe our town and be able to give an address. We will learn about some of the cities in France and locate them. We will explore bilingual dictionaries and learn how to translate from French-English and vice-versa. We will move on to learning how to count in Tens and to one hundred in French through patterns, songs and rhythms.

## HOMework

In Key Stage Two, homework will be set weekly and will be sent home in your child's learning log (book)

- Spellings to learn
- One piece of work related to their current class work. This can be from any subject.

Your child will also receive weekly Maths homework which they can access online via **Mathshed**.

Thank you for your continued support,

*Miss Ratcliffe.*