



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

"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord', and rightly so, for that is what I am." John 13:13.

Welcome to Year 4!

Your child's teacher will be Miss Ratcliffe.

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

RE

During Spring One half term in RE we will be reflecting on Jesus, the Teacher. We will reflect on the importance of the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Through reflecting on how Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the temple, we will learn that Jesus was a Jew and that Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews, and we will learn about the beliefs and practices of Judaism. We will learn about the Baptism of Jesus and reflect on its meaning for us, why it is so important to us as Christians and what we can learn from Jesus's choice to be baptised. We will learn about the disciples of Jesus and how Jesus called people to follow him, including us. We will learn about how Jesus travelled around sharing special teachings and we will think about the Good News that Jesus teaches. We will reflect on some of the parables Jesus used to teach people and reflect on their meaning for us today.

Maths

Our areas of focus in Maths this half term will be multiplication and division. We will be learning about multiplication and division facts of numbers up to and including the 12 times-table, as well as multiplying and dividing by 1, 0, 10 and 100. We will develop our knowledge of multiplying three numbers together. We will move on to learning about factors and how to use factor pairs. We will be learning written methods for multiplication and how to multiply and divide a 2-digit and 3-digit number by a 1-digit number. We will also be continuing to practise our Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) throughout the Spring Term. The Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFS) focus for Spring 1 is to know the multiplication and division facts for the 9 and 11 times tables instantly. We will practise the KIRF daily in school and a quiz for the 9 and 11 times tables facts will be available on MathsShed throughout the whole half-term for children to practise, in addition to their weekly MathsShed homework.

English

Our book for this half term is 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. We will use this historical, fictional narrative as a hook to develop our vocabulary, reading comprehension skills and to plan, produce and edit lots of wonderful writing. We will finish the unit by writing a historical, fictional narrative from a character's point of view. We will learn about a variety of verb forms, including progressive and the present perfect form of verbs. We will be organising our writing in paragraphs around a theme, using fronted adverbials to introduce and connect paragraphs. We will also be developing our knowledge of dialogue and using inverted commas to punctuate direct speech. We will enjoy reading lots of high-quality children's literature alongside this book and during shared-reading lessons. Our class reading book will be continuing to read 'The Train to Impossible Places' by P.G. Bell, which we will use to develop our reading comprehension skills. 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

Your child will be given weekly spellings to learn. They will come home on a Friday and will be tested in class the following Friday. In Spelling for this half term, we will begin with learning about homophones and near homophones. We will then learn about nouns ending with the suffix '-ation'. We will move on to learning about adding the prefix 'sub-' and how this means 'under' and adding the prefix 'super-' and how this means 'above'. We will learn about the spelling of plural words when we add a possessive apostrophe.

Science

In Science this half term we will be exploring states of matter, answering the question 'Can we change materials?' We will learn about solids, liquids and gases and how to classify materials according to their state. Through enquiries, we will learn what happens to materials when they are heated, what happens to materials when they are frozen and the process of evaporation. We will then develop our understanding of the water cycle, including evaporation, condensation and precipitation, and how this is affected by temperature.

Geography

In Geography this half term we are learning about volcanoes and earthquakes. We will learn about key aspects of physical geography and learn what is under the Earth's surface, including the layers of the Earth. The children will be able to explain what tectonic plates are and where they are on a world map. We will explore how volcanoes are formed, the different types of volcanoes and the effect volcanoes can have on people's lives. We will learn how earthquakes are caused, where they happen in the world and how they are measured. We will explore the Bay of Naples in Italy, learning about the Roman ruins of Pompeii from the eruption of Vesuvius.

Art

In Art this half term we will be learning about European Art and Artists. We will learn about awareness of space when drawing and key vocabulary, including portrait, light, dark, shadow, line, pattern, texture and outline. We will create different textures and effects using paint. The children will express opinions on the work of notable artists and refer to techniques and effect the artists have used.

P.E

This half term the children will learn circuit training skills and gymnastics skills. In circuit training we will participate in a range of exercises that focus on the upper body, lower body and core muscles. Children will learn about aerobic and anaerobic exercise and the benefits of exercise. The children will be encouraged to keep score to get a personal baseline for each exercise and to set individual targets to reach a goal. In gymnastics, we will be focusing on developing shape and balance. We will be creating different shapes to represent a theme, holding balances on different points of our bodies, developing our control when balancing and linking actions and movements to create and evaluate routines. **In 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

This half term we will be learning about repetition in shapes. This unit is the first of the two programming units in Year 4 and looks at repetition and loops within programming. Pupils will create programs by planning, modifying, and testing commands to create shapes and patterns. They will use Logo, a text-based programming language. Online safety sessions this term will focus on "Online Reputation". We will be thinking about how information online could have been copied, created or shared by others.

PSHCE/ RSE

This half term we will learn about the parable of the Prodigal Son, showing that God loves us and nothing we can do will stop Him from loving us. Through the story, we will learn about different types of sin and the importance of forgiveness in relationships. We will also learn about personal relationships, including how we can relate to all the people we have relationships with (family, friends and other people). We will discuss how to have healthy relationships, how to be a good friend and discuss strategies to use when relationships become difficult. We will learn how to recognise bullying and abuse (including physical bullying, emotional bullying and online bullying) and how it can affect people. We will discuss strategies to develop resilience and resist pressure.

French

Our topic in French this half-term is titled 'Going Shopping'. We will learn about the shopping experience in France and vocabulary for fruit, vegetables and clothes. Children will learn to answer questions using the topic vocabulary, take part in role play as a shopper and shopkeeper and learn adjectives to describe the nouns.

Music

We will be continuing with learning to play the clarinet. Clarinet lessons will take place on Friday mornings. We are really enjoying 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.

HOMework

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

- 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 can be accessible online via **Mathshed**.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Ratcliffe.