



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

“Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.” Romans 8:34.

Welcome to Year 4!

Your child's teacher will be Miss Ratcliffe.

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

This half-term we are really looking forward to performing our production of the Easter Story. We will be very busy learning songs and rehearsing the performance. We are so excited to perform the Easter Story to the whole school and to our families.

RE

During Spring Two half term in RE we will be reflecting on Jesus, the Saviour. We will learn how Jesus is half human half divine, through the story of the Finding in the Temple, and how Incarnation is the fundamental belief of our faith. We will learn about Jesus's entry into Jerusalem and reflect on the importance of each event of Holy Week. We will learn about what happened on Holy Thursday and the importance of friendship and prayer, and the events of Good Friday and Jesus's crucifixion. We will learn about Easter Sunday and the importance of Jesus's Resurrection. We will reflect on how we can show our love for Jesus after learning about His suffering and resurrection. We will reflect on why Easter is such an important event for Christians.

Maths

We will continue to learn about multiplication and division in Maths. We will learn how to divide a 2-digit and 3-digit number by a 1-digit number. We will learn how to solve correspondence problems using multiplication and division and how to multiply efficiently. We will then move on to learning about length and perimeter, including measuring in kilometres and metres and measuring the perimeter of different shapes. 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 2 is to know the multiplication and division facts for the 7 times tables instantly. We will practise the KIRF daily in school and a quiz for Times Tables will be available on MathsShed throughout the whole half-term for children to practise, in addition to their weekly Maths homework.

English

Our book for this half term is 'When the Giant Stirred' by Celia Godkin. We will use this adventure, 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 our own version of the story from a character's point of view. We will learn about modifying adjectives, nouns and prepositional phrases, choosing nouns or pronouns for cohesion, using fronted adverbials and punctuating 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 'Ariki and the Island of Wonders' by Nicola Davies, 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 learn how to spell words with the /s/ sound spelt with 'sc' and words with a 'soft c' spelt with 'ce' and 'ci'. We will move on the learning about word families based on common words, which are related in form and meaning, as well as including challenge words from the Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings list.

Science

In Science this half term we will be learning about Living Things and their Habitats, answering the question, 'Where do living things thrive?' We will learn how to classify living things in different ways, such as based on their habitat or their diet, and use classification keys for animal classes as well as justifying our classifications. We will learn about vertebrates and invertebrates and how to classify animals into these two groups. We will explore our school grounds and explain how living things are suited to our local environment by considering adaption, diet, habitat and animal classes.

History

In History this half term we are learning about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We will learn about the Roman Empire and why the Romans invaded Britain. We will explore what life was like for Romans in Britain, including jobs, family life, beliefs and buildings. We will learn about the Roman army and why they were so successful. We are also looking forward to our class trip to the Deva Roman Discovery Centre in Chester, where we will learn what it was like to live in Chester as a Roman soldier nearly 2000 years ago.

DT

In Design and Technology this half term we will be learning about an Edible Garden, including where and how a variety of ingredients are grown. We will learn where and

how herbs are grown and naming some herbs. We will learn the principles of a healthy and balanced diet. We will learn about seasonality and know where and how a variety of fruit are grown.

P.E

This half term the children will recap their learning of Circuit Training skills by setting personal targets and trying to beat them. We will then move on to learning Dance skills, taking inspiration from the topic of the Romans. We will draw on our knowledge of the Roman Empire to represent and communicate ideas through dance. We will learn how to dance in unison and in canon and how to use expression to fit the mood of the dance performance. We will also be learning striking skills in Badminton through a variety of different net and wall game techniques. We will learn how to use a forehand and backhand grip to strike a shuttlecock and strike to alter the distance and direction the shuttlecock travels. We will learn how to serve, rally and use attacking and defensive shots. **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

Computing in Spring Two will look at data loggers. In this unit, pupils will consider how and why data is collected over time. Pupils will consider the senses that humans use to experience the environment and how computers can use special input devices called sensors to monitor the environment. Pupils will collect data as well as access data captured over long periods of time. They will look at data points, data sets, and logging intervals. Pupils will spend time using a computer to review and analyse data.

PSHCE/ RSE

This half term we will learn how we were created by God to love others and explores strategies to develop healthy relationships with those around us and how to keep safe. In Religious Understanding, we will reflect on the parable of the Prodigal Son and how this symbolises Gods love for us and how nothing we can do will stop Him from loving us. We will also reflect on the importance of forgiveness in relationships. We will learn about healthy relationships with family and friends and learn some strategies to use when relationships become difficult. We will learn how to recognise bullying and abuse, including physical and emotional bullying. The children will learn the effects of bullying and which strategies can be employed to develop resilience and resist pressure.

French

In French, we will continue to learn to name up to 10 vegetables and spell some of the nouns with the correct determiner. We will learn simple vocabulary to buy vegetables at a market stall. We will then move on to learning how to count to 20, greet others and introduce ourselves in French.

Music

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

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.