

# WELCOME TO YEAR 4

## Meet the Teacher

Miss Slack

Year 4



# A great year ahead

What families can expect from our Year 4 classroom

## Our classroom

A calm, kind and purposeful environment where children feel safe to learn.

## Our priorities

- reading • writing • maths • vocabulary • independence
- confidence • laughter • a love of learning

## Working together

We will do a parents evening this term and in Spring term but please don't hesitate to check in and touch base whenever you feel you need to.

## Every child matters

We will know your child, notice their strengths and support their next steps.

# The year at a glance

|  <b>St Ambrose Catholic Primary School</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Curriculum Overview Year 4</b>                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                      |
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|                                                                                                                            | <b>Autumn 1</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Autumn 2</b>                                     | <b>Spring 1</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Spring 2</b>                                  | <b>Summer 1</b>                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Summer 2</b>                                      |
| <b>RE</b>                                                                                                                  | Creation and Covenant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Prophecy and Promise                                | Galilee to Jerusalem                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Desert to Garden                                 | To the ends of the Earth                                                                                                                                                | Dialogue & Encounter                                 |
| <b>English</b>                                                                                                             | The Journey                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | The Iron Man                                        | The Diary of Iliona                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Out there in the Wild                            | The Boy, the Mole, The Fox and the Horse                                                                                                                                | The Gut Garden                                       |
| <b>Maths</b>                                                                                                               | Mental Maths Place Value Addition and Subtraction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Mental Maths Area Multiplication and Division       | Mental Maths Multiplication and Division Length and Perimeter Fractions                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Mental Maths Fractions Decimals                  | Mental Maths Decimals Money Time                                                                                                                                        | Mental Maths Shape Statistics Position and Direction |
| <b>Science</b>                                                                                                             | Grouping and Classifying Living Things<br>Data Collection<br>States of Matter<br>Swimming                                                                                                                                                                                                 | States of Matter                                    | Sound<br>Data Collection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Electricity Energy                               | Data Collection<br>Habitats<br>Deforestation<br>The Digestive Rounders                                                                                                  | The Digestive System Food Chains                     |
| <b>PE</b>                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                     | Gymnastics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Dance                                            |                                                                                                                                                                         | Athletics                                            |
| <b>PSHE</b>                                                                                                                | <b>Unit 1 Religious Understanding</b><br>Get Up!<br>The Sacraments<br><b>Unit 2 Me, My Body, My Health</b><br>What is Puberty? Changing Bodies<br>Male/ Female Discussion Groups<br><b>Unit 4 Life Cycles</b><br>Life Cycles<br>A Time for Everything<br>Big Changes, Little Changes (CS) |                                                     | <b>Unit 1 Religious Understanding</b><br>Jesus, My Friend<br><b>Unit 3 Life Online</b> *Purple Mash<br>Sharing Online<br>Chatting Online (CS) <b>Unit 4 Keeping Safe</b> Safe in My Body (CS)<br>Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco First Aid<br>Heroes<br>Rights and Responsibilities (CS) |                                                  | <b>Unit 1 Religious Understanding</b><br>A Community of Love What is the Church?<br><b>Unit 2 Living in the Wider World</b><br>Working Together (CS) Money Matters (CS) |                                                      |
| <b>MFL</b>                                                                                                                 | All Around Town                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | On the Move                                         | Going Shopping                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Where in the World                               | What's the Time                                                                                                                                                         | Holidays and Hobbies                                 |
| <b>Music / Computing</b>                                                                                                   | Music Rhythm and composition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Computing Unpacking Hardware and Software Animation | Music Ensemble singing and performance with instruments                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Computing Logo Sound Stories Effective Searching | Music Graphic Notation                                                                                                                                                  | Computing Coding Composing Beats Introduction to AI  |
| <b>History / Geography</b>                                                                                                 | Ancient Greeks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                     | Romans                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                  | Italy                                                                                                                                                                   | Rivers                                               |
| <b>Art / DT</b>                                                                                                            | Art - Storytelling through Drawing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | DT- Levers and linkages                             | Art- Exploring Pattern                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | DT- Making a torch                               | Art- Festival Food                                                                                                                                                      | DT- Food Technology - pizza                          |

# This half term's learning

Our current focus

## English

The Journey

## Maths

Mental Maths, Place Value,  
Addition and Subtraction

## Science

Grouping and Classifying, Living  
Things, Data Collection, States of  
Matter

## RE

Creation and Covenant

# Maths: times tables matter

Year 4 children build speed, accuracy and confidence with multiplication and division facts

## Key expectation

By the end of Year 4, children should know their times tables fluently, including related division facts.

## Focus tables

[2s] [3s] [4s] [5s] [6s] [7s] [8s] [9s] [10s] [11s] [12s]

## Little and often

Practice aloud, in writing and through games.

Times tables homework will be sent on a Monday and to be returned on or before the following Monday.

## Multiplication check

The statutory Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check takes place in May 2027.

# Homework & home learning

Clear routines help children become independent learners

## Weekly routine

Homework will be sent home on a Monday. Homework books will need to be back in school by the following Monday.

Reading books will be sent home every Friday and are to be returned by the following Friday.

## What to expect

Reading • times tables • spelling/word work • occasional wider tasks

## Reading at home

Please aim for a minimum of 10 minutes each day of the week, even if the book is finished, reading it again will increase your child's reading fluency.

## Supporting without taking over

Ask questions, encourage effort and let children explain their thinking.

# PE, uniform & daily routines

A few practical details make the school day run smoothly

## PE day

Our PE this term is swimming. We will go swimming every Friday afternoon.

After Autumn term, our PE day will be decided, and you will be informed.

## PE kit

Swimming kit:

- Costume / swimming shorts
- Towel
- No jewellery

## Start & finish

School gate opens: 8:40

Home time: 3:20

## Equipment & essentials

- Water bottle
- Coat
- Named belongings

# How we learn & behave

Our routines help children feel secure, responsible and ready to learn

## Our classroom expectations

Our school values: love, respect, courage and forgiveness

Be ready • be respectful • be resilient • be kind • try your best

## Independence

Children will organise equipment, manage resources and take increasing responsibility for their learning.

## Celebrating success

Daily: dojo points, shout out cards and handwriting star

Weekly: Star of the Week

Termly: Art and PE celebrations

## Supporting behaviour

We use consistent routines and restorative conversations to help children make positive choices.

# Communication & pastoral support

Please get in touch — small questions are often easier to solve early

## Best way to contact us

Ask at the office.

Call: 0161 480 8466

## If your child is worried

Please tell us if something is affecting their happiness, friendships or learning.

## Attendance & punctuality

Every minute matters.

Please follow school procedures for absence and appointments.

## Who can help?

Class teacher: Miss Slack

Teaching assistant: Mrs Farrow

Deputy Headteachers: Mrs Kelly, Mrs Rainer

Acting Headteacher: Mrs Knight

# Thank you

Questions, key dates and anything families need to remember

## One final message

Thank you for supporting your child's learning and coming today.

We are excited for the year ahead!

## Please remember

Homework day – Monday

PE day – Friday

Reading book day – Friday