



Our Lady and St Joseph Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term - Year 4



Dear Parents/Carers, I hope you all had a wonderful and peaceful Christmas. I'm really looking forward to teaching Year Four for the rest of the academic year! Please see what we will be learning over the next term...

	English	This term, we will be writing for different purposes and audiences. Writing will be linked to books, images and short films. We will cover a range of grammar skills in our lessons and handwriting practise will happen regularly. Our reading books for this term are Charlotte's Web by E.B. White and Street Child by Berlie Doherty.
	Maths	This term, we will be working on multiplication and division; length and perimeter; fractions and decimals. We will continue to practise times tables and mental math skills regularly.
	R.E/R.S.E.	We continue to follow the Come and See scheme of work and will cover the topics: Local Church, Eucharist and Lent/Easter. The other faith we will be learning about this term is Islam.
	Science	Our topics in science for Spring are Sound and Electricity. In Sound, we will explore how sound reaches the ear. In Electricity, we will explore the question: what can we do with electricity?
	History/Geography	In geography, we will be learning about the Americas. In history, we will be covering the topic crime and punishment.
	Art/D.T.	This term, Year 4 will be taking on an exciting DT project by creating a desk tidy with Miss Fiona.
	P.E.	This first half-term, Year Four will be learning different styles of dance and composing their own dances. For the second half-term they will be learning striking and fielding skills.
	Music	In music, the children will learn about time signatures and how to identify the amount of beats in one bar, namely 3 or 4. They will sing a song using high and low pitch 'Mama don't allow'.
	Computing	This term, the children will be focusing on information technology. They will learn about font styles; they will produce newspaper reports and learn about campaign writing through computing.
	Spanish	In Spanish, the children will be revising the basic questions/answers to be able to hold a short conversation. New vocabulary will include transport and places in the city. Grammar and phonics: gender of nouns, 'n', 'us', 'z', soft 'c'. 'j', 'ei', 'v', 'l', silent 'h'.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Homework due in. - Spellings/time tables handed out.		- Spanish lesson - Swimming	- Homework is given out and due back on Monday.	- Miss Francis teaching. - Spelling/time tables/mental maths test. - Music

As always, your continued support at home is invaluable in helping your child's progression this year. Please encourage your child to read a variety of books at home and support them with their home learning.

Many thanks for your support,
Ms. Walshe