

St John's CE School

Year 4

Spring Term Forecast

Welcome to our Year 4 Spring Term, 2019.

Here is an overview of our topics this Spring term:

English

In English we will be writing persuasive letters, diary entries and a historical report within our Creative Curriculum theme, I am Warrior (Ancient Romans). The following half term, our theme of Traders and Raiders will explore writing poetry (kennings) and story writing.

Spellings

Our spellings focus this half term is on Roman topic keywords and spelling rules with a focus on the -ion and -ian suffixes (tion, sion, ssion, cian), the -ly suffix and the -sure and -ture suffixes. We will also learn spelling rules for double letter words. When there is a spelling test, children will have the weekend to practise these before the test on the following Tuesday.

Please encourage your children to practise spellings at home as part of routine home learning. This especially includes the keyword list for Year 3 and 4.

Grammar

In grammar, we will be learning about pronouns, the comma, adverbials, the apostrophe (possessive and contraction), direct speech (inverted commas/ 'speech marks'), determiners (a, an, the), prefixes and suffixes.

Presentation and Handwriting

We will continue to practise our handwriting using the cursive style. Having a tidy desk and work space, using good posture and having a sharp pencil is encouraged. Good presentation is very important in Year 4.

Mathematics

This term we will cover:

Problem solving – addition and multiplication	Area
Problem solving – mixed problems	Tenths and hundredths - fractions
Multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number	Equivalent fractions
Multiplying a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number	Simplifying fractions
Problem solving – multiplication	Fraction greater than 1
Multiplying more than two numbers	Adding and subtracting fractions
Factor pairs	Fraction of amounts
Dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number	Fractions – problem solving
Division with remainders	Dividing by 10 and 100
Dividing a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number	
Problem solving– division	

Important – Please continue regular revision of **times tables 1-12, divisions 1-12, number bonds 1-20** and **telling the time**.

Useful websites: **Topmarks.co.uk – Hit the Button**

Practise number bonds, doubles and halves, times tables, division facts and square numbers.

iPad and tablet apps: **DK 10 Minutes A Day Times Tables App** **Harry's Magic Tables App**

PSHE

Our PSHE theme this term is Staying Together. We will be learning about peer mediation and how to solve small conflicts that can arise with peers, siblings and people in general! This will start with learning about the most important set of skills, known as SARAH skills – **Stay neutral - Active Listening - Repeat back what was said - Ask how the person feels - Have 3 solutions**.

R.E

Our R.E this half term is “The Bible”. Children will enjoy a fast paced fun and interactive introduction to the overall structure of the Bible. Our visitor, Phil Kingham from N:Flame will give a fun and fast-paced introduction to the Bible and its structure. Over the next few weeks, we will learn about key events, people and overall message in the Bible. We will also enjoy a visit from Father Paul who will be speaking to the class about the key meaning and message of ‘reconciliation’ in the Christian faith.

Music

Our class will be taught a weekly recorder lesson every Wednesday by Mrs Su.

Computing

Year 4 will be using school laptops and iPads during a variety of lessons. Children will be learning about staying safe online, specific research and digital presentation and design.

Languages

Maestra Mara, our Year 4 language teacher, will teach Italian lessons each Monday.

Creative Curriculum

Our topics this Autumn are “I Am Warrior” and “Traders and Raiders” (History). This half term we are learning all about the Ancient Romans. Starting in Rome, we will journey on to understand how and why the Romans invaded and changed Britain.

Next half term, we will cross our timeline into the realm of the Saxons and Vikings, covering the invasions and battles for settlement and power.

Homework

Homework will be issued on a Friday to be completed and returned by the following Wednesday. Homework must be handed in by **Wednesday at the latest**.

Ways to help at home

Please encourage your children to read *aloud*, Monday to Friday. Educational research shows that it is vital children read aloud at home for 10-15 minutes **every day** until the age of 12. Reading aloud has a direct, positive effect on attainment and overall comprehension. Comprehension extends across **all** curriculum subjects as children progress through school. Therefore, it is important that all children read aloud at home, daily.

Please ensure that children are practising arithmetic (all 4 operations, especially times tables and divisions) and quick mental Maths (number bonds, subtractions, calculations with money) regularly. This is most important in order for pupils to access increasingly more strategic work across the Spring term, into Summer and approaching Year 5.

We look forward to a fast-paced yet productive Spring Term together.

With thanks,

Miss Hagan