



Important dates:

- **Saturday 14th September** 12-4pm – School Open Day for 70th anniversary
- **Friday 20th September** - Happy Bag Collection before school (send in unwanted clothes etc for recycling)
- **WC 23.09.24:** Cycle to school week
- **October** - Month of the Holy Rosary
- **Tuesday 1st October** – Feast of St Theresa
- **Thursday 3rd October** 10am – whole school Harvest Festival assembly – bring £1 for food bank
- **Friday 4th October** – Feast of St Francis
- **Friday 18th October** – Show racism the red card – wear red

How can you help at home?

It is essential that the children learn their times tables daily as they will be completing the statutory Multiplication Tables Check this year. The children are required to recall, with speed, all of their times tables from 2-12. You can help at home by ensuring the children are accessing Times Tables Rock Stars daily. You could also display any repeated errors they are making on your fridge so improvements can be made. The children need to know the related division facts of these times tables. E.g. $7 \times 6 = 42$, $42 \div 7 = 6$.

Please listen to your child read every day for ten minutes. Discuss the book with them, the meaning of tricky words and, characters and settings.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We hope you all had a wonderful summer break. We are looking forward to a busy and fun-filled year of learning ahead.

Here is some information about the topics we will be exploring this half term. We hope you find this information useful and helpful in supporting your child at home.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. We look forward to working with you and your child.

The Year 4 Team

Year 4
Autumn 1

In RE this half term...

Our topic is called 'Creation and Covenant' and we will be learning:

- about the belief that human beings are made "in the image of God"
- that in the 'Laudato Si', Pope Francis teaches that human beings are called to have a loving relationship with God, with each other and with the world
- about the story of Exodus, focusing on the final plague – the Passover

Key vocabulary: Genesis, poetry, Creator, image and likeness, stewardship, dignity, covenant, Moses, Exodus, Final Plague

Useful websites:

Maths

- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- <https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/free-downloads>

History

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwmpfg8/articles/z9gkky#z7d22v43>

In English...

We will be reading a picture book called 'The Green Ship' by Quentin Blake. The children will be exploring the main characters, settings and events in the story. The children will then be writing their own narrative.

Some key skills the children will be learning during this topic include:

- writing in paragraphs
- using commas after fronted adverbials
- use inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate speech
- choosing appropriate adjectives

In science...

Our topic is called 'States of matter':

We will be:

- exploring solids, liquids and gases
- looking at how some materials can change states between a solid, liquid and gas
- exploring the concepts of melting and freezing
- learning about The Water Cycle

In PE...

Our topics are called:

- Net and Wall Games: Applying tactics
- Dance: Retelling a story (The Willow Plate)

In history...

Our topic is 'The Roman Republic'.

We will learn about:

- the legend of Romulus and Remus
- how Rome became a Republic, led by consuls
- how the Roman Empire began to expand and control islands in the Mediterranean Sea
- battles between Rome and Carthage

In geography...

Our topic is called 'The Rhine and the Mediterranean'. The children will be building upon their knowledge gained in Year 3 about 'Rivers'. In this unit, we will:

- identify the source and the mouth of the River Rhine
- explore how the River Rhine changes during its course
- understand how cities built along the Rhine are affected by the river
- explore how ships sail through the Suez Canal to the Mediterranean Sea

In RHE...

Children will hear and experience the Gospel story of Jesus healing Jairus' daughter. They will learn that they are created by God out of love and for love: they were designed for this purpose, which should inform how they live.

In maths...

Place Value

The children will:

- learn about the place value of numbers with up to 4-digits
- order and compare numbers to 1,000 and beyond
- round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000
- count in 1,000s – finding 1,000 more or less than a given number
- read and write Roman numerals to 100

Addition and Subtraction

We will be adding and subtracting 4-digit numbers using the column method. E.g.:

$\begin{array}{r} \text{HTO} \\ 371 \\ + 485 \\ \hline 856 \\ \hline 1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} \text{HTO} \\ 376 \\ + 485 \\ \hline 861 \\ \hline 11 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} \text{Th HTO} \\ 2388 \\ + 1124 \\ \hline 3512 \\ \hline 11 \end{array}$	
$\begin{array}{r} \text{HTO} \\ 3437 \\ - 182 \\ \hline 255 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} \text{HTO} \\ 3412 \\ - 187 \\ \hline 245 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} \text{HTO} \\ 5694 \\ - 347 \\ \hline 257 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} \text{Th HTO} \\ 8312 \\ - 2177 \\ \hline 6249 \end{array}$

In art...

Our topic is called 'Power prints'. The children will develop an awareness of proportion, composition and pattern in drawing and combine media for effect when developing a drawing into a print.

In computing...

The children will understand that software can be used collaboratively online to work as a team. They will learn what type of comments and suggestions on a collaborative document can be helpful. The children will work together to create presentations using images, text, transitions and animation. They will also explore Google Forms and spreadsheets.