



St Charles RC
Primary School



Year 4 Newsletter
Spring 2024

Welcome

Welcome back to the Spring term. We hope you all had a lovely festive and Holy Christmas and wishing you all a Happy New Year. Thank you for all of your Christmas gifts, you were very generous and kind. Listed below are a few notices and key dates and days that are important to make the rest of the year successful. In addition to this, is our creative curriculum topic of the half term, so that you and your child are familiar with the topic. I have also listed a few websites, which can be used to research the subject and enhance your child's learning.

Forest School: We DO NOT WEAR Forest School clothes to school; they come in a bag and we get changed in school. Forest school/outdoor learning clothing and a pair of wellies should be kept in school and will be sent home after use for cleaning/drying, if needed. Please ensure that it is sent back into school each Tuesday. Please label all items with your child's name.

PE: lessons take place on **Thursday** afternoon. Your child needs to WEAR their PE outfit to school: a white T-shirt, navy blue shorts and pumps. Please note no other colours are acceptable. In cold weather, a plain navy-blue tracksuit or leggings may be worn but no stripes or logos, please label all items. The change in the uniform code has had a massive impact on our presentation, thank you for adhering to the changes.

Snacks- Children can bring in a healthy snack to have at breaktime. Also, they can bring into school their own water bottle (clearly labelled) which they can drink water throughout the day.

Homework- As last year, homework folders will be sent home on a Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday. Please only complete the pages listed in the back of the homework book. Sometimes we may only ask for certain questions to be completed. The pages and questions that we choose reflect what has been learnt in class so the children should be able to complete the work.

Spellings- Spellings will be taught in school within the English curriculum. The children will learn to use and apply the specific spelling pattern to their writing consistently. Therefore, there will be no weekly spelling test. The evidence behind retaining spellings learnt in weekly tests is poor and so we have decided to use the spelling test time to teach spellings.

MTC (Multiplication Timetables Check)- The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for all year 4 pupils registered at state-funded maintained schools, special schools or academies, including free schools, in England.

The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.

In 2024, schools will administer the MTC to all eligible year 4 pupils between Monday 3 June and Friday 14 June.

There is also a parent booklet available online outlining what is involved in the MTC. Please find it on-

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6543c1ef9e05fd0014be7c64/2024_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check_PDFA_v1.1.pdf

All the children in Year 4 have their individual Time stable Rockstar log in details; as part of preparing for this check, we do encourage the children to practise their times tables. Another useful website is 'Hit the Button'-

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Reading Folders- Children have a reading folder and reading record to be signed by an adult who has read with them. We encourage the children to read daily. Reading is good for your child because it improves their focus, memory, empathy, and communication skills.

Creative Homework Project- Over this half-term the children will be studying the Anglo-Saxons. Don't feel that you have to do all of these activities, and feel free to come up with your own ideas and research any areas of life in Anglo-Saxons times.



Design a realistic Anglo-Saxon coin.

To design a realistic Anglo-Saxon artefact. ● Research Anglo-Saxon coins. ● Pick a real Anglo-Saxon king (or make up your own with an appropriate name). ● Consider what was important to that king. How would they show this on their coin? ● Draw and label your design.

Build your own Anglo-Saxon model house using craft resources. Use a cardboard box as the base structure, add lollypop sticks for the wooden planks and wool or straw for the roof. Or why not go outside and choose some sticks from the garden to use as your building materials?

Dates for Diary-

24th January-Trip to Swinton Library

20th March 2024-Yr 4 Trip to Weaver Hall

Curriculum

RE Focus- From Galilee to Jerusalem and From Desert to Garden



Lent and Preparing for Easter

	Spring 1	Spring 2
English	Setting Description, Poetry, Instructions, Drama	Explanation Text, Poetry, GPS, Drama
Maths	Multiplication and Division Length and Perimeter	Fractions and Decimals
Topic	Anglo-Saxons and The Scots	Settlements -British History
Science	Living Things & Their Habitats	Electricity
Computing	Repetition in shapes - Using a text-based programming language to explore count-controlled loops when drawing shapes.	Data logging - Recognising how and why data is collected over time, before using data loggers to carry out an investigation.
Geography		Where would you choose to build a city?
Music	Developing pulse and groove through improvisation - How does music improve our world?	Creating simple melodies Together - How does music teach us about our community?
PE	Gym	Athletics
Art	Anglo-Saxon Art	
Design & Technology (DT)	Bread	

Useful Websites

<https://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/saxons/websites.htm>

Mathletics <https://login.mathletics.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<https://explorify.uk/>

<https://www.everyschool.co.uk/english-key-stage-2-comprehension-2.html>

Many thanks for all your support and cooperation. Please feel free to come and see me or Miss Jervis if you would like to discuss anything.

Spring diary dates

January	February	March
<p><u>JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE EPIPHANY</u></p> <p><u>Week 1</u> Mon 8th Children return to school Weds 10th Whole School Epiphany Mass (9.15am in school - All welcome) Thurs 11th Y3 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 2</u> Mon 15th – 17th Y5 Robinwood residential Weds 17th Y2 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 18st Y4 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 3</u> Weds 24th Y5 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Y4 Library trip Thurs 25th Y6 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 4</u> <u>Story Telling Week</u> Mon 29th Parent Drop in – after school in classrooms Weds 31st Y6 Library trip Fri 2nd Loaves and Fishes charity Cake sale and raffle after assembly</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF LOVE</u></p> <p><u>Week 5</u> Weds 7th Y3 Library trip EYFS Chinese New Year Dance workshop with Miss Jade Thurs 8th EYFS Chinese New Year Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 6</u> BOOK WEEK Tues 13th Y3 trip to Chester TBC Weds 14th Whole School Ash Wednesday Mass (9.15am in church - All welcome) Y2 Library trip Thurs 15th Y1 Class Assembly (All welcome) Fri 16th St Valentine's Day Disco pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HALF TERM 16th FEB – 26th FEB</p> <p><u>Week 1</u> Weds 28th Y4 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Y1 Library trip Thurs 29th Y5 Class Assembly (All welcome) Friday 1st World Book Day – Ocean themed</p>	<p><u>MARCH IS THE MONTH OF LENT</u></p> <p><u>Week 2</u> Weds 6th Y1 & Y2 Mother's Day Prayer Service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Y5 Library trip Thurs 7th EYFS Mother's Day Celebration followed by morning coffee and cakes (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 3</u> Weds 13th Nursery Library trip Thurs 14th Parents evening – in school Fri 15th CAFOD charity cake sale and raffle after assembly</p> <p><u>Week 4</u> Book Fair Weds 20th Y3 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Reception Library trip Thurs 21st KS1 Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 5</u> HOLY WEEK Mon 25th Whole School Stations of the Cross Mass (9.15am in church - All welcome) Tues 26th EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet parade (9.05am in school – All welcome) EASTER RAFFLE Weds 27th LKS2 Easter show (9.15am in church – All welcome) FINISH at 1.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EASTER HOLIDAYS 27th MAR – 8th APR</p>

Websites

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>