



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Spring 1 and 2 Class Newsletter

Year 4

Class Teacher: Mrs Brookes

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to 2024 and to a new term. I hope you had a good Christmas and a restful time with your families.

### Prayer and RE learning

In RE our focus is first Christmas, then the Eucharist and Belonging, Holy Week and Lent. We will have lots of reflective time as we prepare for Easter during Lent.

### Maths

We will continue to follow the White Rose scheme of work. The children will be deepening their mastery of multiplication and division before moving on to length and perimeter, fractions and mass and capacity. You can support your child by making sure they are secure with the times tables.

### English

Our class books this term are: Macy and the Riddle of the Sphinx (Joe Todd-Stanton), The Story of Tutankhamun (Patricia Cleveland-Peck) and The Mystery of the Egyptian Scroll (Scott Peters). We will be reading and discussing these books daily and in our weekly Guided Reading sessions. In our English lessons we will be writing adventure stories, fact files and newspaper articles. The children will also be studying and writing their own poetry.

This term we will also be focussing on spellings in particular the Year 3 and 4 common exception words.

Supporting your child with reading at home and enjoying stories together will develop their love of reading.

### Catholic Social Teaching strands:

#### Family and Community

This involves making sure that decisions are made at the most

appropriate level, so all those affected can contribute and have a voice. Everyone has important ideas and knows what is best for their families and communities. They need to have a say and the chance to influence outcomes

#### Solidarity and the Common Good

Being in solidarity is recognising others as our brothers and sisters and actively working for their good. We are connected to people and places all over the world.

The common good is about respecting the rights and responsibilities of all people and leaving no one behind. Our actions have an impact on everyone. When we make decisions, we should consider the good of all.

"... all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

#### Virtues for the two terms:

Spring 1: Compassionate and Loving

Spring 2: Faith-Filled and Hopeful

Children will learn more about these virtues and how to be compassionate towards other people in their community and the wider world, and to show loving by their actions and words. The children will be growing to be faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.

## Other subjects

Our History topic for the term is "What can we learn from the Ancient Egyptians?" and we will be conducting an in-depth study of the Ancient Egyptians alongside learning about other Ancient Civilisations across the world that were active at a similar time.



In Science, we will learn about light and sound through practical investigations and expanding our scientific vocabulary.

We will also have lessons in Music, Computing, PSHE, RHE, French, DT and Art.

## Expectations for home learning in Year 4

Please encourage your child to read daily at home, keeping a note of books read in their personal reading record. Children always enjoy being read to, even when they can read fluently for themselves so do try and share a good story with them when time allows. If you have

any queries or concerns regarding your child's reading, please write them in their reading diary. Homework will continue to be set on a Tuesday to be handed in the following Monday.

## PE days

We will have PE on a **Monday** afternoon so please make sure your child has their kit with them for this day. Children should wear black shorts and a blue t-shirt with the St Mary's logo for indoor PE. Our PE units for this term are going to be Gymnastics and Dance so we will be inside for our PE lessons.

Year 4 will start their swimming lessons on the first Monday afternoon following the February half term (19th February). They will need a swimming costume, towel, hat. If you would like your child to wear goggles please send a signed note into school.

## Water bottles and uniform

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school each day, we discourage squash and juice and encourage the children to drink water.

Please see Mr O'Connor's detailed letter regarding uniform expecta-

tions.

## Date for the diary

26.1.24—Year 3/4 trip to the Sheldonian Theatre

31.1.24— Whole School Mass (School) Year 4 will be leading. 9.30am

21.2.24 KS2 Mass at Church 9.30am

Yours sincerely

Mrs Brookes

