

 **Class 4 Newsletter**

**Term**

Be the BEST You Can Be

*Whatever you do, do with all your heart. Collossians 3:23*

WELCOME BACK!

We can’t wait to welcome Mrs Dart back to Class 4, she will be in the classroom on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Dobson will be in class Wednesday to Friday! This term will see us exploring and eating a range of food from the United Kingdom in our Topic the Great British Bake Off! We will also be making things for the Christmas Fayre which is taking place in December and practising our songs for ‘Young Voices’. All of this alongside some great topics and learning opportunities to build upon the successes of last term.

What we are learning

This term our topic is Our Changing Nation. We will be exploring and learning about all things 'British', including making our very own Victoria sponge cakes, building on our map skills and learning about The Royal Family.

In English, we will be looking at persuasive writing. We will be writing letters to the queen and persuading people why they should visit England. Children will also look at setting descriptions and looking at a text called the Magicians Shop.

In Maths, the children will be looking at multiplication and division and will also focus on area and perimeter. We will be investigating the perimeter and the area of St Mary’s school field!

In Science the children will be learning about Electricity, Children will be looking at insulators and conductors and how electricity travels. Children will investigate if playdough conducts electricity.

In RE the children will learn about the kind of world Jesus wanted. We will look at how Jesus challenges everyone how to live and how he sets an example for loving God and thy neighbour. Hopefully we get an opportunity to visit St Nicholas Church and look at what is happening in the community!

In Geography the children will learn about our ‘Changing Nation’. We will be looking at physical features around the United Kingdom and how different areas have changed and grown over time.

In PSHE we will learn about ‘Celebrating Difference’ we will look at how similarities and differences make us all special and unique.

In Music the children will be using the Glockenspiel’s and focusing on the songs from Young Voices!

In DT we will be having a class Bake Off, we will look at the history of baking and will design and create a cake.

In PE we will be looking at the skills involved in Gymnastics, children will balance, jump and use the apparatus.

In Computing the children will learn to turn a simple real-life situation into an algorithm, identify and fix errors within a program and use sounds and animation effects to manipulate graphics. Children will learn how to code and look at how to stay safe online.

Dates for this term

Mon 15th November: Odd Sock Day

Fri 3rd Dec: Mufti Day-Donation for the Christmas Market

Wed 8th Dec: Christmas Market

Fri 17th Dec: End of Term 2.30pm

PE: This term, PE will be on a Monday and a Friday. At St Mary’s our PE kit should include a burgundy t-shirt, black shorts/joggers and daps/trainers for outdoor activities-trainers may be more appropriate for outside play.

[https://gooddies.co.uk](https://gooddies.co.uk/)

Dance clubs starts this term-Tuesday 3.15-4.00pm.

Please could all children have a pair of (named) wellies in school so they can enjoy the school grounds in all weather.

Useful Information

Thank you…

…for everyone who has signed up to Class Dojo, it is a very effective way of communicating with you all and posting key information and photos of what we are doing in school

…for continuing to support your child with their reading-it really is the foundation for effective learning through the whole curriculum

…Please remember to look at the newsletter and school calendar for any other dates that might be coming up.

Homework

Our class homework, is find and research an English dish! The children will have to make the dish and write instructions for other class members to follow. We look forward to seeing the photos!

Reading and Times Tables

Reading: Your child will be bringing home two reading books. One of the books will be based on their AR code and the other book will be chosen by your child and called a Reading for Pleasure book. Please try and read to your child as often as possible and talk to them about the stories they have read. Please also remember to sign your child’s reading record and ensure it is brought into school everyday. We have a reading reward system, so that children are recognised for their efforts in reading at home.

This term, our class book will be: The Beats of Buckingham Palace by David Walliams

**KIRF'S - Key Instant Recall Facts**

KIRFs are designed to support the development of the mental fluency skills that underpin much of the mathematics curriculum. They are particularly useful when calculating, be it adding, subtracting, multiplying or dividing. Time is to be given each week to ensure that the KIRF is practiced and learnt so that children begin to grow in confidence and recall facts instantly. Please practise this terms KIRF with your child at home. This terms KIRF is 9x and 11x table facts.