

Year 4

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OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH PRIMARY SCHOOL / SPRING TERM CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year! I have included all the topics we will be learning in the 1st half (**blue**) and 2nd half (**green**) of the term for each subject.

Literacy: **The Story Spinner - Grandad and the Laundry Basket (Fiction)**; **The Spiderwick Chronicles: The Field Guide** by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black - novel (Fantasy)

Numeracy: **Shape & Angles; Lines of Symmetry; Coordinates; Area and Perimeter; Number & place value; Multiplication and Division facts up to 12x; Mental & written addition and subtraction of 4-digit numbers; Two-step word problems; Multiplication & Division; Problem Solving; Fractions; Time and using a clock with direction and position; Reading scales and measurements; Data Handling; Multiplication and Division facts up to 12x.**

R.E: **Local Church - Community; Eucharist - Relating.**

Science: **States of Matter** and **Electricity.**

ICT: **We are Software Developers** and **We are toy designers.**

History: **What happened when the Romans came?**

Geography: **How does water go round and round? (The water cycle).**

Art & Design: **Developing and improving drawing and painting skills.**

Design & Technology: **Researching and developing products that are fit for use.**

Children should be reading a range of books at home, both fiction and non-fiction. It's also a good idea to read with them and test their understanding of the text. On top of this, children should be practising their times tables as often as possible. We are doing lots of work on this at school but practising them at home would be very beneficial.

I'm looking forward to meeting you w/c 16th January, where we can discuss the curriculum further. Please don't hesitate to contact me in the meantime if there are any questions you have regarding any other matter. I am regularly available after school and you may make an appointment through the office.

Many thanks,

Katherina McCarthy (Year 4 Class Teacher)



SUPERB HOME LEARNING! Home learning is assigned every Thursday and is due in every Monday. It is based on topics covered during the week. Spellings and times tables facts are handed out every Monday and should be practised before the tests on Friday.



SWIMMING! Children will now be swimming every Friday morning until December. As a result they will have P.E. Mondays only. Children should have the appropriate kit with them on these days.

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TIMES TABLES! As always, continuous practise of times tables is extremely important. Please encourage your child to do so at home all the way up to and including their 12 times tables.