

Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 1 - September 2023

Dear parents,

I hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday. I am looking forward to welcoming my new Year 4 class back to St-Wilfrid's C of E Primary to begin the new term. Over the summer I did some cycling along the spectacular West coast of Ireland and I harvested 3kg of homegrown potatoes.

To kick start our academic year we will be discussing the question 'Were the Egyptians more advanced than we are?' We will be exploring Ancient Egyptian culture, creativity and its location through our work in English and history, plus a day-long immersive workshop.

Children will also be preparing to sing and perform in our church service which will be taking place this half-term. I will send you the date when I have it.

If you have any questions, please feel free to dojo me. I will reply Monday-Friday 8.30am-5pm during the school term.

Mr. Gibbons

English

To begin the school term we will be analysing adventure and mystery stories, and how they are written. We will then start to study the colourful 'Cinderella of the Nile' linking to our Ancient Egyptian's topic. Continuing on this theme at the end of the half-term children will be writing a newspaper report on the discovery of Tutankamun's tomb.

History

Ancient Egyptians are the topic of our history lessons this term. Through a variety of hands-on, written and visual lessons, combined with the immersive Partake workshop, children will develop a richer appreciation for this ancient civilisation.

Maths

Year 4 starts with a big unit in place value going up to 5 digits, which is a crucial concept for children to understand to help them as they prepare for Year 5. We then move onto addition and subtraction of up to 4-digits.

Grammar

This half-term we will be focussing on conjunctions (e.g. and, therefore, because), punctuating direct speech and understand the difference between present perfect form and the present simple form.

RE

We begin our Year 4 RE curriculum looking into the creation and fall. Taking time to understand what these two crucial words mean within the context of Christianity. This will help children's knowledge of what Christians believe happened at the start of the world and where all life on earth and beyond came from.

Computing

This year computing will be alternating between French each half-term. In Autumn 1 children will be learning computing and the topics are Online Safety and Collaborative Learning.

Art

Storytelling through drawing is the focus of our first unit.

Children will be exploring the work of artists who create illustrations for texts, then they will be doing this for themselves using the Jabberwocky poem as a stimulus.

Extra activities.

This term children will be celebrating Black History Month, where we will be researching and discussing a significant figure in black history.

We will also have a day long visit from Partake who will be delivering an Ancient Egyptians workshop on Tuesday 3rd October.

The children will be giving the church service this half-term, date TBA.

PE

Children will be working with Mr. Divvevo and myself on a variety of dance and physical activities.

PSHE

Children will be discussing 'Keeping myself safe.' We will be thinking of the different ways we can keep ourselves healthy and safe, including staying safe online. We'll be learning skills to help us look after our body as well.

Music

Year 4 are off to Indonesia in their Music lessons with Mrs. Wood where they will be using instruments to create a piece of traditional music.