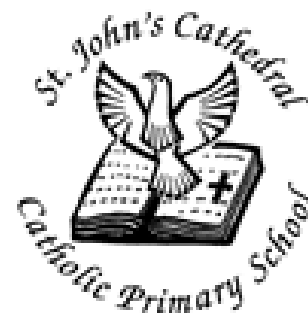


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Dear Parents,

Year 4 Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter

I hope you find the following information of use in knowing what your children will be covering this term and helping to support them.

The main difference your child will encounter this year is that they will be expected to work more independently.

In **literacy** and **numeracy** similar areas of learning are covered each year but naturally with greater depth and at a more difficult level.

In **literacy** we will be looking at poetry, narrative settings, instructions and recounts.

In **numeracy** we will be focusing on different strategies for adding and subtracting, shape, perimeter, co-ordinates, length, time and handling data, multiplication and division.

In Science they will be developing the key skills of predicting and explaining while finding out about 'Solids and Liquids' and 'Keeping Warm'.

ICT is used to support many subject areas. We will particularly be concentrating on collecting and presenting information, combining text and graphics and databases.

In P.E. this first half-term, we have two lessons per week. One will be netball, which will take place on a Tuesday. The second will be netball which will take place on a Wednesday. After half-term we will be having football on a Tuesday and dance on a Wednesday. Correct P.E. kit **must** be worn – light blue T-shirt and navy blue shorts (both are obtainable from the school office).

In History/Geography we will be finding out about Ancient Egypt and in particular using the skills of historical interpretation, and mapping and comparing.

In Art we will be concentrating on developing our skills using painting and drawing and creating paintings based on dreams.

In DT we will be designing and making a money container and looking in particular at sewing.



In Music we will be learning to play the viola. You will receive a separate letter about this.

R.E. is a very important part of our curriculum. We develop further our knowledge and understanding.

This is achieved through our study of:

The Mission Statement
Prayer, Saints and Feasts
Creation
St. John's Gospel
Advent/Christmas

I hope you will be able to attend our Class Mass / Liturgy in the Cathedral on Thursday 15th October at 9.30 a.m.

Homework is a very important part of helping your child to achieve their potential. Homework is not optional. We hope you will support your child in ensuring that it is complete and returned to school on time.

Homework Timetable

Monday	Reading Spellings given Times Tables
Tuesday	Reading Times Tables Spelling Homework given
Wednesday	Reading Times Tables Spelling
Thursday	Reading Times Tables Spelling
Friday	All Homework in Spelling Test Times Tables Test Reading

In addition, your child may be asked to practise skills as appropriate to their individual needs. Please ensure that your child reads each night at home, and must be heard to read by an adult 3 times per week.

Year 4 Family Learning will be taking place on Friday 20th November 9.00 a.m. I hope you will be able to attend.

I look forward to working with you and your children during the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

Miss M. Lane

Year 4 Teacher