

# YEAR 4 SUMMER 2

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2021

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"Happy together in God's family,  
we love, grow and learn."

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a chance to enjoy the sunshine over the holiday! This half term we have lots of fun and exciting activities in school. I hope you will be able to join us for our class assembly on the 17<sup>th</sup> June on Zoom.

In English this half term, we will use short films to inspire our writing. The first film gives us an opportunity to explore the feelings and emotions of a child with a disability. We will be writing a narrative and nonfiction information texts. The second film is a real contrast and gives us the change to explore an unusual setting for a humorous storyline. Our grammar focus when reading these texts will be to consolidate this year's learning on speech punctuation, apostrophes, expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials. In addition, we will have specific whole class reading sessions each week. We will also continue to work on spelling patterns and practise the Year 3/4 spelling words and homophones.

In history, we continue our work on Roman Britain. This is a fascinating subject, and the children will learn all about the Roman way of life and the legacy the Romans left on Britain.

In maths, we are working on money, time, statistics, shape, position, and direction. When working on time, children will recap the 12- and 24-hour clock and start to convert from analogue to digital time. In statistics, they will be introduced to line graphs for the first time. The shape topic covers angles in more depth and looks closely at quadrilaterals. Our work on position and direction involves describing movement on a grid. Over the next three weeks we will be taking part in the Government trials for the Year 4 Multiplication Test.

Our Religious Education topic is The Church. Children will explore the idea of community and look at their own parish and school community in detail. They will develop their understanding of what it means to belong to the community of the Church and know that people become a member of the Church through Baptism. The children will be introduced to the Creed – a statement of the Catholic faith and learn about the structure of the Church's liturgical year.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please visit our website to see our knowledge organisers.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,  
Mrs Beirne



### Important Days

#### **Monday:**

Reading books changed

#### **Tuesday:**

Swimming PE lesson (Kit)

**Friday:** Spelling Test

### Important Dates

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June Health week  
– children to come in sports  
clothes all week

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June -SVP Food  
Bank Appeal

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>  
June 9.30am Year 4 class  
assembly

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 9:30 Key  
Stage 2 Sports Day

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June  
11.00am Whole school Mass  
led by Y6

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July Mini Vinnie  
and School Council cake  
sale for CAFOD

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July Reports to  
parents, moving up morning,  
Catch up classes end.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July Mary's Meals  
Mug appeal closes

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July Moving up  
morning

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 9.15 – 10.15  
Meet the new teacher moving  
up session

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
1.15pm Y3 and Y4 disco  
(come to school in party  
clothes)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 9.30am Whole  
School Mass

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July School closes

