

YEAR 4 SUMMER 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2023

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. We'd like to firstly thank you for your support last half term, in encouraging your children with learning their lines for the Easter Production. I'm sure you will agree, they were all fantastic and are extremely proud! This half term will be busy so please keep an eye on the important dates.

In English, our book is about a young Rwandan refugee now living in the UK. Christophe is having trouble getting used to his new school, new language and new life. It is a fascinating book and the children will have an opportunity to understand the challenges faced by refugee children. Our grammar focus, when reading this text will be speech punctuation, apostrophes and fronted adverbials which we will then implement into a narrative of our own. Alongside our English lessons, we will continue to work on spelling patterns, including some revision from previous year groups as well as practise the Year 3/4 spelling words and homophones.

In maths this half term, we continue to work on fractions and then begin to work on decimals and money. We will be comparing, ordering and rounding decimals and looking at their relationship to fractions. When working with money, we will be estimating, converting and calculating with pounds and pence. Every day we will be working on times tables and once a week we will also have a short session on arithmetic skills and mental maths. Please make sure they are practising regularly at home on Times Tables Rockstars or Hit the Button.

In science this half term, we will be studying sound and how it is created. We will carry out lots of investigations to sounds around the school and how fast sound can travel. We will also discuss parts of the ear as well as talking about how those with hearing impairments are able to communicate by learning some sign language.

In geography, we will be studying how Yorkshire compares to the Catalonia region (Spain), comparing the human and physical geography. We will use our knowledge to complete a cross-curricular piece of writing, trying to convince the reader to visit Barcelona.

Our Religious Education topic is The Early Christians. We will learn that Peter was chosen by Jesus to play a special role in the Church and that Jesus gave his followers a mission – to spread the Good News to others. They will learn that Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to help his followers and that Pentecost was the beginning of the Church. They will learn about the missions of Peter and Paul and about Stephen the first martyr of the Christian faith.

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 us if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,

Mrs Georgiou and Mrs Robertshaw.



Important Days

Reading books every day.

Monday & Friday: PE kit

Friday: Spelling Test

Important Dates

May

Friday 5th Coronation picnic

Monday 8th Additional Bank Holiday

Thursday 18th
9.30am Whole School Mass led by Year 5

Friday 19th Bring a flower for Mary

Sunday 21st
11.00am Family Mass

Sunday 21st PTA Family Fun Day

Thursday 25th Pentecost Picnic

Thursday 25th School closes

Friday 26th Training Day