



BE LIKE JESUS. BE YOUR BEST. BE SAFE. BE CARING.

Welcome Back

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a fun-filled summer holiday and that you're ready for some exciting and challenging learning in Year Four!

Franciscan Values

As a school, we continue to celebrate our Franciscan heritage through our seven values – based on the Franciscan values. The seven values are: Joy, Forgiveness, Faith, Respect, Service, Peace and Stewardship. These underpin all that we do as a school. We will all strive to live out these values on a daily basis but each class will pay close attention to their own value. In Year 4, our value is **service**. We will be thinking about how we can serve others in our lives, how Jesus taught us to serve and what service means to us.



R.E.

Our first topic in RE this term is 'People'. In this topic we will explore where we come from and how we are all a part of God's family. We will explore the family tree of Jesus and learn about the story of Abraham and how he put his trust in God. Look out for our 'Knowledge Organiser' on the class webpage, which will help support your learning in RE.

Our second topic this half term is 'Called', in which we will be thinking about the different ways people are called to serve God. We will be learning about symbols and actions used at confirmation and how this strengthens our relationship with God. This 'Knowledge Organiser' can also be accessed on the class webpage. Prayer and worship remain an integral part of each day.

This half term, our class liturgical prayers will take place on Thursday 12th October. You are welcome to join us for this at 3pm in the school hall.

English

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Spelling: We are continuing with Read, Write, Inc spellings this year, with three fifteen-minute spelling lessons per week. Assessment throughout a unit is ongoing, and each week children will log 6 words that they have found difficult in their 'Spelling Logs'. It is important to note that these words are personalised to each child, and therefore there is no 'set' spelling list each week. Due to the 3-day cycle of the scheme, the day of the week that these words will be recorded will change. We will, however, endeavor to ensure that the children put their logbooks into their bags ready for home practice after each lesson. These words are then tested in partners (in a low-stakes manner) at the start of the following unit. You can help your child by practicing the words in their logbook each night at home, and by revisiting words learnt in previous weeks.

Writing: In our Talk 4 Writing lessons this term, we will be creating our own poems focused on metaphors. This will be followed by our own suspense stories. To add depth to our suspenseful setting descriptions, we will be learning how to use empty words in order to hide the threat and build mystery. We will be learning how to reflect the mood using pathetic fallacy and building upon our 'show, not tell' skills (for example, 'the hairs on her arms stood to attention like soldiers' rather than 'she was frightened').

Grammatically, we will be learning how to effectively integrate fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases into our writing. We will also be building on our knowledge of metaphors, ellipsis, pronouns, rhetorical questions and possessive apostrophes.

Reading: Firstly, thank you for your continued support with the children's reading across the years – it is greatly appreciated! In Year 4, children are expected to read at home for a minimum of 10-15 minutes a day every day – the more the better!

They are also expected to complete the correlating MyBookBlog activities for their home reading books too. We also ask that the children continue to utilize their reading bookmarks at home, on which they are to write down any words that they are unfamiliar with or have struggled to pronounce. Your child is expected to bring their home reading books into school once a week on a set day (they will be made aware of this day in school). This is so that teachers and teaching assistants can listen to them read and track their progress. If your child fails to bring their book two weeks in a row, you will receive a letter making you aware of this.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will begin with place value of 4-digit numbers. This is followed by addition and subtraction and their formal methods, and then a revisit of measurement and perimeters. Finally, we will work on formal methods of multiplication and division towards the end of the half term. Practice on TimesTablesRockstars will help with this greatly!

In Year 4, we will also be preparing for the 'Multiplication Check', a statutory assessment which takes place in May. There is a link to the MTC, which the children will be using in school, on our class webpage.

P.E.

The children will have two P.E. lessons each week. This half term, our P.E days will be **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. We will be going swimming on Tuesdays and you will already have received a letter with more information regarding this. As previously, children are to come to school in their active uniform. Outdoor kit should include plain black tracksuit bottoms, yellow polo shirt, yellow sweatshirt and outdoor trainers. Please ensure all items are fully labelled! For convenience, I politely ask that long hair be tied back, and earrings removed on P.E. days. Whilst we advise against it, if your child's earrings are new and unable to be taken out, they must be taped over with surgical tape, brought in from home. However, earrings cannot be taped over for swimming, as the tape clogs the filters and is therefore not allowed by the swimming baths.

Meet the Teacher Night

Our annual Meet the Teacher evening is to take place on Wednesday September 20th. You are invited to attend this event in person in the Year 5 classroom at either 3.45pm or 4.30pm, however, I know that these times may not be suitable for everyone. Therefore the presentation slides will be emailed out to ensure that everyone accesses the information.

BikeAbility

BikeAbility (Level 1) will take place on Tuesday October 2nd for Year 4. Permission letters for this have been sent out

already. If your child will require bike and helmet hire for this day, please can you inform the office (either by phone or email) by **September 22nd at the latest**.

Parents Evening & APDR Meetings

Parents evening this term falls on **Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th October**. The SchoolCloud link will be sent to you in good time to arrange an appointment, which is a 10-minute online slot. Our SEND APDR meetings will take place on **Wednesday 27th September**. These are 20-minute slots which can be arranged for face-to-face or online appointments. Again, the link will be sent to you in good time to arrange your slot.

Brass Lessons

For music, Year 4 will receive brass lessons from a qualified brass instructor. They will receive their instruments towards the end of this term. These lessons will fall on a Friday afternoon, so please ensure that the children bring their instruments in on Thursdays, ready for our lessons. Children are expected to practise their instruments at home to support their progress.

Foundation Subjects

To see a breakdown of our foundation subjects (History, Geography, Art, D&T, RSE, P.E, Spanish & Computing) please see the curriculum overview on our class webpage.

Homework

In Year 4, homework will be set every Friday, due to be returned the following Thursday. Homework will be sent home in their personalised homework journal. Alternatively, overarching homework projects may be set. These will span over a few weeks/a half term and details of each project will be sent home in plenty of time.

Twitter

As a reminder, our class Twitter page is @StLizClass19. If your Twitter handle is not obvious (does not contain your name) please send a note in to school and I will be sure to accept your request.

Water Bottles

Please make sure that children are sent into school with a refillable water bottle each day. In Year 4, the children are encouraged to keep water bottles next to them in lessons,

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to us at the end of the school day once all of the children have been dismissed. If, at that point, you feel you require a longer appointment, we can arrange a meeting via the school office (01773822278). We are really looking forward to an exciting term and a fun-filled year!

Thank you in advance for your support.

Miss Hickling & Mrs Adams