



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 26th September**. You are welcome to join us for this at **3pm in the school hall**.

English

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Spelling: We are continuing with our Read, Write, Inc. spelling lessons, which will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. As it was last year, please encourage regular practice of the words that come home in your child's logbook. These will be tested in a low-stakes, formative, partner-test at the end of each lesson cycle. We have also introduced a further spelling lesson on a Monday morning, in which children can access the Mastery Zone on Spelling Shed. This is an AI-driven tool that ensures each student's learning is focused on the words and spelling patterns that they – individually- need to master, in order to make progress. Please encourage use of this at home!

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: The children are delighted with our latest reading venture; **Accelerated Reader!** This replaces our old home reading scheme, MyBookBlog, after they announced their end this summer. Accelerated Reader is an online programme used to motivate students to increase their reading and vocabulary comprehension. Like MyBookBlog, children are able to complete a quiz after finishing a book and can also access a variety of non-fiction articles to read! A parent introduction letter will be making its way home soon – please keep a look out for this!

As a reminder, the children should continue to utilise their reading bookmarks at home, on which they are to write down any words that they are unfamiliar with or have struggled to

pronounce. We still encourage a minimum of 10 minutes home-reading every day; the more often, the better! This could be independently, to a grown-up or to a sibling.

Your child will also now have their own 'Reading Journal', in which they can make notes and drawings about what they have read to help assist them when taking their end of book quiz. This is for both home and school use, so please ensure that it is returned to their school bag once used.

Your child is expected to bring their home-reading book to school once a week, on a set day (which the children are aware of). 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.

This half term, our class read is **Podkin One Ear** by Kieran Larwood.

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 June.** 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, a 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 18th. You are invited to attend this event in person in the Year 4 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.**

Parents Evening & APDR Meetings

Parents' evening this term falls on **Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th October**. The School Cloud 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 6th**

November. 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 take place on a Friday afternoon, so please ensure that the children bring their instruments on Thursdays, ready for our lessons. Children are expected to practice 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 Monday, due to be returned the following Monday. 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 @StLizClass20. 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 (01773 822278). We are really looking forward to an exciting term and a fun-filled year!

Thank you in advance for your support.

Miss Hickling & Mrs. Baker

Dates For Your Diary		
18.09.24	15:45 – 16:15	Meet the Teacher Event (Session 1)
	16:30 – 17:00	Meet the Teacher Event (Session 2) You are invited to come and meet us in the classroom to find out about the curriculum and routines in Year 4. You need only attend one of the above sessions. We will send out a copy of our presentation too so do not worry if you cannot attend.
26.09.24	15:00-15:30	Year 4 Class Celebration of the Word You are invited to join us as the class lead a Celebration of the Word for the whole school community. The children will be planning and preparing the celebration.
27.09.24	14:30 – 15:30	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon You are invited to join other parents and members of the school community to nibble, natter and raise funds for the amazing work done by Macmillan Cancer Support. The children are invited to bring in cakes on this day to be sold and money to spend at the cake sale. We'll be holding a raffle too!
07.10.24	Ongoing	Harvest Appeal Launches Please begin to bring in donations for our Harvest Appeal. Donations will be sent to Hope for Belper Food and Community Hub. More information to follow.
17.10.24	15:00 – 15:30	Harvest Celebration You are invited to join us in the school hall for our Harvest celebrations. This will be led by our school Chaplaincy Team but all of the classes will be joining in with different elements.
18.10.24	All Day	Times Table Rock Star Day We will be holding our annual relaunch of TT Rock stars. The children are invited to dress up as 'rock stars' on this day and we will be doing lots of maths and counting activities in class.
23.10.24	16:50 – 18:00	Parents' Consultation Evening Please look out for details from the school office about booking appointments via School Cloud.
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