



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'
Philippians 4:13



Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter

A very warm welcome from the new Year 4 Team:
Miss Blackledge, Miss Clayton, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Waterworth

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Mathematics: This term we are focusing on place value. Children consolidate their knowledge of addition and subtraction strategies and multiplication and division. This will be supplemented by work on the properties of 2D shapes and time. By the end of Year 4, it is an expectation that all children will know their multiplication tables to 12X12. Please can you practise times tables at home with your child.

English: In English this term, the children will read a story about a volcano linked to their History topic. This book will assist the children in their independent written work; poetry and non-chronological report writing. They will also explore stories about imaginary worlds such as 'The Tear Thief'. The focus will be on using a wider range of adjectives/adverbs and using a variety of punctuation to enhance children's writing. Please encourage your child to extend their sentences by using the grammar skills taught in school.

Religious Education: This term's units of study are:

- The significance of Prayer in our lives.
- Christmas – The symbol of light.

Science—States of Matter: Children explore the similarities and differences between the three states of matter: solids, liquids and gases. They will learn how to use a thermometer and investigate matter changing from one state to another. The children will also learn about the processes involved in the water cycle.

Topic: The children will be studying earthquakes, volcanoes and mountains in Geography, together with developing an understanding of the needs of 'Early Settlers'. This will link into our Spring term topic- 'The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain.'

Music: Children in Year 4 will take part in the Wider Opportunities Scheme, where every child plays an instrument.—the violin, viola or cello. They will have a 30 minute lesson every week. Musical instruments must be brought into school on a weekly basis not stored in classrooms.

Art and Design: This term the children will experiment with water colours and complete a painting of a volcano inspired by Margaret Godfrey.

Design and Technology: To design and make a pizza.

PE: Topics this term will include Invasion games followed by Gymnastics.

Autumn Term Focus Theme:

'What on Earth has happened?'

Focus Reading Text:

'Escape from Pompeii' Christina Balit

Recommended Websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/supermovers/42612499> (KS2 times tables practice)

Twitter Accounts to follow:

@St_Wilfrids_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport

Home Learning:

Reading: In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure.

Children will have the opportunity to change their **reading book** and **library book** once a week on **Thursday afternoon**.

Year 4 library afternoon is **Thursday**—Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and library book on this day if they wish to change it.

We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read (we expect a minimum of three entries/comments a week). This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary. Reading diaries must be brought into school on your child's allocated day for teacher's to monitor.

All children will have the opportunity to read a variety of high quality 'reading for pleasure' texts and 'recommended reads' linked to their focus theme during the school week.

Homework and Spellings:

Spelling lists will be sent via 2email on Purple Mash every Monday (Children in KS1 will also have a spelling book). Children will be expected to learn these spellings throughout the week at home. They will have a spelling test on the following Monday.

An English and Maths homework task or activity will be also be set via Purple Mash every Monday and needs to be completed by the following Monday.

Topic Homework: Children may also be given other types of homework during the course of the year via Purple Mash.

Times Table Challenge: Children will be given a half termly times table challenge, where they can achieve a range of awards.

If you are unable to access Purple Mash, please let your child's class teacher know by contacting the school office.

