

## Years 3 & 4 Carpenter Class Autumn 2023

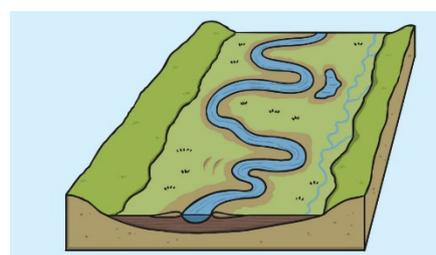
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Firstly, I would like to welcome all of the children and parents back and hope that you have had a good break over the summer holiday. During the autumn term, we have lots of exciting events going on and some fantastic topics to explore, the details of which I have outlined below.

**English** - We will be studying the book 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell and then writing our own chapter to add to the book. Next, we will be looking at the features and structure of biographies, by reading the biographies of famous inventors like Leonardo Da Vinci, before writing our own biography for a famous inventor. Mrs Morgan will be exploring the Hamilton well- being unit 'Being' escapes and dreams. ***We will be visiting the Roald Dahl museum to celebrate our reading challenge restarting this year!***



**Geography** - Our geography focus for the autumn term is 'Water'. The children will be learning about:



- The water cycle
- How clouds and rain are formed
- The impact of flooding
- How our water is treated to make it safe to drink
- Water pollution.



**History** - The history topic for this term is 'Crime and Punishment'. During the topic, the children will be learning about:

- Punishment in ancient Rome
- Anglo-Saxon crimes and punishments
- Crimes and punishments in Tudor times
- Highwaymen
- Victorian prisons
- Modern crimes and punishments

***We will be going on a trip to Oxford Castle to celebrate our learning and help to secure our learning in our long term memories.***

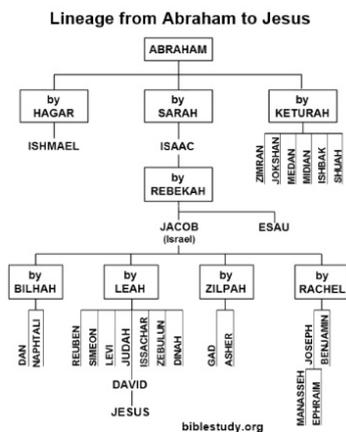


**Science** -The children will be learning how different creatures are adapted to different environments in our 'Living in Environments' topic, before looking at human digestion and the organs involved in the topic 'Eating and Digestion'.

**P.E.** - We will be learning about the skills and tactics involved in the sports of tag rugby and netball.

**Computing** -The children will be following the 'Purple Mash' Computing scheme. We will be looking at ways to stay safe online in our first unit before moving onto designing, creating and debugging programs in our work on coding.

**French**- The children will work through the Year 4 La Jolie Ronde workbook. The children will complete a 15-minute session of French every day (Parcel of learning). We will also take opportunities to celebrate our learning on Feast days and through songs as we have in the past.



**RE** - Our first topic is called 'People'. The children will learning about the different ancestors of Jesus and their stories in the Bible. The second topic is 'Called', which looks at the act of Confirmation and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Our final topic for the term is 'Gift' and looks at God's gift of Jesus to the world and how to prepare for his coming at Christmas. *First Holy Communion preparation for Catholic children in Years 2, 3 and 4 will begin in January. Please ensure that the school has a copy of your child's baptism record as this is essential before the preparation can begin.*

**Music** - Music this term starts with the topic Mamma Mia and then the children will begin to prepare for the Christmas concert that is performed in the church.

### Homework

The homework tasks that the children are expected to complete are as follows:

- Read their school reading book (daily)
- Practise spellings (weekly)
- Times table practise (weekly)
- One Maths/English task (weekly)



Homework will be set on a Thursday and needs to be handed in on Wednesday morning, The completed homework will be marked on this day, with a reward of a house point for handing it in. The children will receive their book back on Thursday morning and will then be expected to stick in their own spellings and any homework sheets they may have. On a Thursday morning, the children will be tested on their spellings and the Multiples marathon test will be on a Friday.

### P.E.

PE lessons will take place on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has the following kit suitable for both indoor and outdoor sessions:



- A red t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Trainers
- A pair of tracksuit/jogging bottoms
- A hoodie or sweatshirt

We will aim to be outside as much as possible for our P.E. session, so it is important that the children have the items listed above to keep them warm as the weather gets colder. **Please note: in the interests of safety, children with earrings will be expected to remove them.**

### Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

The new Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) will be administered to Year 4 pupils within a 3-week period in June 2024. The MTC is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times tables questions. Year 4 children will answer three practice questions before moving on to the official check where they will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12x12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

All children in the class should be able to access paper copies of the Multiples Marathon tests from the school website which will assist them in their knowledge and fluency of times table recall. It is expected

that they practise the level of the test they are currently on at home, over the week in preparation for the Multiples Marathon tests, which take place on a Friday afternoon.

#### Pencil cases in school

The school provides all the equipment that the children require for them to complete their school work. **The use of pencil cases in Carpenter's Class is therefore discouraged**, as they and their contents can cause distractions, which disrupts learning. Also, items from them become 'lost' which can cause disagreements or distress for the children.

If you have any queries or questions, then please feel free to arrange a meeting by contacting the school office.

Kind regards,

**Mrs Concannon**

**Head Teacher**

**St Marys Catholic Primary School ALW**

Useful websites:

#### Mathematics:

Place Value: [Unit - Oak National Academy \(thenational.academy\)](https://www.thenational.academy/units/place-value)

Addition and subtraction: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/addition-and-subtraction-48c0>

Multiplication and division: [Unit - Oak National Academy \(thenational.academy\)](https://www.thenational.academy/units/multiplication-and-division)

Measurement: [Unit - Oak National Academy \(thenational.academy\)](https://www.thenational.academy/units/measurement)

#### English:

English Grammar: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-2/subjects/english-grammar>

#### Geography:

[Geography | Key Stage 2 | Water \(everyschool.co.uk\)](https://www.everyschool.co.uk/primary/2/subjects/geography)

[School Learning Zone - Water \(school-learningzone.co.uk\)](https://www.school-learningzone.co.uk/primary/2/subjects/geography)

#### History:

[Crime and punishment - KS2 History - BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.com/primary/history)

[Victorian Crime And Punishment \(KS2\): Explained \(kidadl.com\)](https://www.kidadl.com/primary/2/subjects/history)