



Years 3 & 4 Carpenter Class Autumn 2024

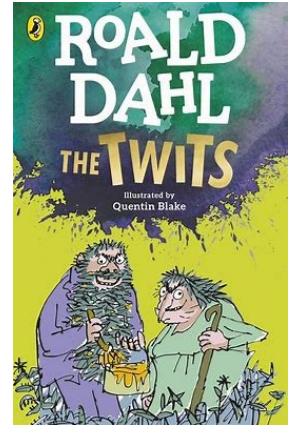
Dear Parents/Guardians,

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 – The children will be taught in small literacy groups which includes Fresh Start. The topics that will be covered this term include a Fiction unit, Poetry and Classical literature. In Mrs Concannon's group the children will:

The Twits

Develop and extend your class's reading and writing skills using the classic story of 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl. Inspired by the two gruesome characters and their horrible habits, these The Twits challenge your children to write instructions, non-chronological reports, playscripts and descriptions, as well as developing their reading skills in these fun and revolting themed lessons.

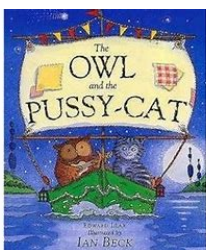


Chocolate Poetry

Chocolate Poetry to inspire the class to write and perform their own chocolate-themed narrative poems!

Classic Tales

Just So Stories KS2 English is perfect for engaging ways of teaching reading comprehension. These Just So Stories will give the class the chance to develop their skills of inference and deduction, as well as provide them with opportunities to ask, answer and discuss questions, predict what will happen next, summarise a text, and use role-play to demonstrate their understanding.



Mrs Clipson's group will:

Mrs Clipson's group will be exploring traditional tales and fables, reading and writing letters and postcards for a range of purposes and exploring the wonderful nonsense poetry of Edward Lear.



Geography – 'All around the world' This 'All around the World' Unit allows children to take a closer look at where the countries of the world are located, and some of the ways geographers describe locations. Children will learn to locate and describe places using longitude and latitude, and find out about some of the important lines that delineate specific areas of the Earth – the Equator, the Hemispheres, the Poles and the Tropics. Finally, by looking more closely at the lines of longitude, children will develop their understanding of time zones.



History – 'Riotous Royalty' including a WOW trip to Warwick castle. This 'Riotous Royalty' unit will teach your class in depth about William the Conqueror's reign from 1066 onwards, how King John made himself very unpopular as monarch



and why King Henry VIII married so many times. This unit also teaches who Queen Anne was, what Queen Victoria achieved during her reign and look at the role of the British monarchy today

DT- 'Let's Go Fly a Kite' This Let's Go Fly a Kite unit gives children opportunities to develop their understanding of frame structures and how they can be strengthened and stiffened. Children will discover information about a key event involving a kite that helped shape the world. Children will gain knowledge and understanding about the parts and shapes of kites. This will help them when designing and making their own kites. Finally, children will test and evaluate their kites against design criteria they have created.

Science – Whiterose Science 'States of Matter' and 'Rocks' [Y4 Autumn Block 3 States of matter SOL.pdf \(whiteroseeducation.com\)](#) [Y3 Autumn Block 5 Rocks SOL.pdf \(whiteroseeducation.com\)](#)

P.E. – PE planner 'TAG rugby', 'Hockey' and BGN sporting events.

Computing – Purple Mash 'Internet Safety' and 'AI' [Unit 4.2 Online Safety.pdf \(purplemash.com\)](#)
[Unit 4.10 Introduction to AI.pdf \(purplemash.com\)](#)

French- The children will work through the 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.



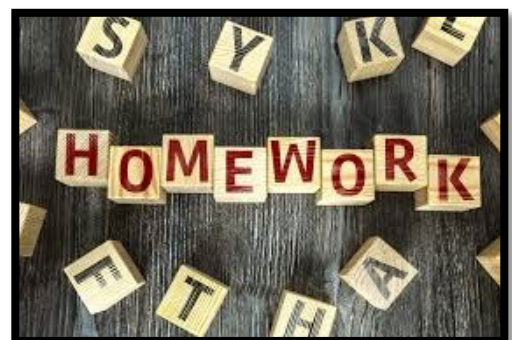
Music – 'Livin' on a prayer' Charanga unit. Livin' On A Prayer is a classic rock song from the 80s. Formed in 1983, Bon Jovi is an American rock band from New Jersey named after it's lead singer Jon Bon Jovi. The band became known for writing several rock anthems and achieved widespread recognition with their third album, Slippery when Wet, released in 1986. The children will learn the words of the song and play an instrumental piece using the Glockenspiels.

The children will then come together in Autumn 2 to prepare for the Christmas Service.

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 and an extra play slot on a Friday afternoon. 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 Wednesday 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 or cover with tape, other items such as jewellery should be removed for sport.

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.



Mathematics:

Place Value: [MA Y3 Y4 Autumn Block 1 SOL Place value.pdf \(whiteroseeducation.com\)](#)

Addition and subtraction: [MA Y3 Y4 Autumn Block 2 SOL Addition and subtraction.pdf \(whiteroseeducation.com\)](#)

Multiplication and division: [MA Y3 Y4 Autumn Block 3 SOL Multiplication and division A.pdf \(whiteroseeducation.com\)](#)

Measurement: [MA Y3 Y4 Autumn Block 4 SOL Area.pdf \(whiteroseeducation.com\)](#)

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 or email me direct head@stmarys-pri.northants-ecl.gov.uk

Kind regards,

Mrs Concannon

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