

St Philip's

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Year 4
St. George Class
Autumn Term 2019
Parent Information Pack

Welcome to the Autumn Term

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! We are thrilled to be setting off on a new adventure with our lovely Year 4 class. Let's see how much we can possibly learn together this year, starting with our first Learning Journeys, "Walk Like an Egyptian" and "God's Wonderful World".

English

In English we shall be reading Egyptian Cinderella, The Day of Ahmed's Secret, and letters written during the explorations of Howard Carter. In addition, we will also be conducting research to learn more about the Seven Wonders of the World. These will link in with our learning journey and enable the children to practice various literacy skills, including narrative work, poetry, newspaper reports and persuasive texts.

As before, we will continue to build on their reading achievements and the students will continue to bring home a variety of books to share with you. We again ask you to encourage your child to read on a daily basis and complete their reading journals to help track their progress.

As well as reading, it is important for the children to discuss the story, or text, to show a good level of understanding and to be able to answer questions about what they are reading.

Weekly spelling activities and handwriting practice will also be taught.

Mathematics

In mathematics this term, we shall be learning about:

- Number, place value and rounding
- Mental addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions
- Geometry: properties of shapes
- Measures
- Data handling
- Written addition and subtraction

The children will be further encouraged to learn their times-tables up to, and including, the 12 times-table.

Science

In science we will be learning about electricity; exploring circuits, switches, conductors, and insulators.

We will then move onto learning about sound; exploring pitch, vibration, and how the ear works.

Computing

We will be using the internet to research topics, gather data and present it in a variety of forms.

The topics we will be exploring will include the units: "We are software developers" and "We are toy designers", as well as research around Egyptians, the Seven Wonders of the World, and electricity.

History

We will be looking at the Egyptians. We will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians and we will take a closer look at their culture, daily life, Gods and beliefs, hieroglyphics, pyramids, and monuments.

Geography

We will be examining and comparing features of modern and ancient Egypt, including naming and locating the use of land and geographical features and comparing the climates and industries between different countries. We will also explore the Seven Wonders of the World, delving into the beautiful geographical and cultural features of our world.

Physical Education (PE)

Children will continue to learn why warming up and cooling down are important and how physical activity affects their health and personal fitness. They will be encouraged to choose and apply skills more consistently during these activities:

- Gymnastics
- Invasion games - football

We will also be continuing our swimming lessons at Freedom Leisure, developing water confidence and competence in using different strokes.

Music

This term we shall be starting our recorder lessons in class every Tuesday. Pupils shall receive their own instruments and will begin learning the processes and musicality behind playing the recorder.

Spanish

This school year, Year 4 will continue learning Spanish, building on their introduction to the language in Year 3. The children will continue to learn the basic grammar of the Spanish language and learn the correct pronunciation of Spanish words and phrases. Topics covered will involve: Spanish speaking countries, basic conversation, names / alphabet, families, and Christmas.

EPR

- **New Beginnings** - children will develop their knowledge, understanding and skills in four key social and emotional aspects of learning: empathy, self-awareness, social skills and motivation.
- **Getting on and falling out** - children will develop their knowledge, understanding and skills in three key social and emotional aspects of learning: empathy, managing feelings (with a focus on anger) and social skills. - This theme focuses primarily on the key aspect of motivation.
- **Say no to bullying** - Children will explore what it is, how it feels, why people bully, and how we can prevent and respond to it, and how they can use their social, emotional and behaviours skills to tackle this crucial problem.

Art and Design Technology

Death masks: The Egyptians strongly believed in life after death and made death masks to help spirits identify their bodies in the afterlife. We will be designing our own versions of these artefacts to make and display.

Toy design: In conjunction with computing and science, we will be researching how toys are designed and we will then design and make our own toy using electricity.

Clay Canopic jars: Using clay, we will form and etch Canopic jars decorated with Egyptian hieroglyphics.

Portrayal of the Seven Wonders of the World across a variety of media.

Religious Education (R.E)

Topics to be covered this term include: People, Called, Gift, and Judaism. Please see the attached guide for a complete overview.

Homework

In line with the current school homework policy this will be set every Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday. Reading and times-table practice should happen, as usual, every day.