

# *St Joseph's Primary*

## *Curriculum Overview*



*Year 4 – St Margaret of Scotland  
Class*

*Summer Term 2019*

## Overview of the Year 4 curriculum for the Autumn Term.

**ENGLISH- Speaking and Listening:** In speaking and listening, we will continue to develop our ability in public speaking through practising poetry and giving small speeches as part of persuasive writing.

**Writing:** In writing we will deepen our understanding tenses and clauses, using subordinate clauses, conjunctions and fronted adverbials frequently in our work. Our writing focuses will be persuasive writing and story writing.

**Reading:** We will continue to enhance our reading through Guided reading sessions. Our key focus will be to retrieve and record information we find in texts and retell stories coherently. Please keep reading at least 4 times a week at home.

**Spelling:** We will still be practising spellings in both classwork and homework. We will also use this time as an additional chance to increase the clarity and quality of our handwriting.

**MATHS Decimals/Money** – We will be finishing our block of learning on decimals and are aiming to secure the skills of rounding, dividing, adding, subtracting and finding equivalents with decimals. As a follow on from our decimals we will apply our knowledge and skills to understanding money in greater depth. We will aim to be able to estimate, compare and calculate different quantities in both pounds and pence.

**Time** – We will be continuing to deepen our knowledge of time, aiming to solve problems, convert hours to minutes, years to months, weeks to days etc. We will ensure we are able to read both analogue and digital clocks as well.

**Statistics** – We will be creating our own variety of charts and aiming to use this knowledge of charts to solve problems based on presented statistics.

**Geometry** – We will cover and revise the properties of more complex shapes, the translation of shapes, symmetry and angle exploration.

*SCIENCE – We will be looking at States of Matter for the first half of the term. This will explore how we group materials as solids, liquids and gases, observe how changes can occur and understand how evaporation and condensation play a part in the water cycle. In the second half of the term we will be learning about Electricity.*

*RE – RE continues to form a core part of our curriculum here at St Joseph's. Please see the separate newsletter regarding an overview for the 'Come and See' programme.*

### *HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY*

*Our history topic for this term will be the Ancient Egyptians. We will explore their place in history, food, religion, culture, medicine, sport and technology.*

*Later in the term our Geography will explore the push and pull factors of human movement and how this impacts local communities.*

*PE – This term Year 4 will be learning from a specialist cricket coach on Wednesday afternoons. We will learn the rules and skills with a hope to playing some mini matches in school!*

*Then, on Thursday/Fridays (this may be subject to change), we will work with our sports coach Pippa who will be helping us develop our skills in athletics in preparation for our Sports Day in second half of the summer term.*

*Please ensure your child has their full PE kit (green t-shirt and black shorts, plimsolls/trainers) in school ready to use. Not bringing your kit will result in a letter home and a loss of Golden time.*

*ART and D&T – We will be exploring art through our topic of the Egyptians looking at stamps, hieroglyphics and Egyptian nightfall pictures where we will be blending colour and using tone to create exciting backdrops.*

*ICT – The children will continue to take part in regular ICT lessons learning to use desktops computers, laptops and Ipads. Through these they will also aim to design and write programs.*

*Spanish – Children will continue to learn key conversational phrases and begin to look at food. We use songs and creative activities to secure this learning.*

*Music – Mrs Brownbill will continue to take Year 4 for Music on Thursday/Fridays as well as running choir club on a Friday and whole school singing. We will also be learning some songs about the Ancient Egyptians as part of our topic!*

*HOMEWORK – Our homework will continue to be distributed on Thursday and is expected back in the following Tuesday. We run a homework club in Year 4 on Friday and Monday lunchtimes for pupils who require additional help or access to ICT.*

*We ask that children aim to read at least 4 times per week with an adult or trusted older sibling at home. Reading is the best way to help and support your child in their learning.*

*We ask that homework is completed in ordinary writing pencil. Felt tips, colouring pencils and gel pens are not acceptable.*

*Thank you for your continuing support.*

*Miss Matthews and the Year 4 Team.*