

St Joseph's Primary

Curriculum Overview



*Year 4 – St Margaret of Scotland
Class*

Autumn Term 2018

Overview of the Year 4 curriculum for the Autumn Term.

ENGLISH- Speaking and Listening: This term, in speaking and listening, we will continue to develop our ability in public speaking through practising poetry and giving small speeches to our class that may be given as homework for practise.

Writing: In writing we will deepen our understanding and use of homophones, suffixes and prefixes through our spelling practise. We will continue to work on using paragraphs to organise fiction and non-fiction writing. As well as developing our descriptive skills!

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.

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-

Place Value- We aim to build our strength with Roman Numerals, able to read and calculate up to 100 in Roman numerals. We will be improving our understanding of place value up to 4 digits, building our skills with number lines and rounding to the nearest 1000.

Addition/Subtraction – To add and subtract with up to 4 digits using the formal written method of column method. We will be deepening our knowledge of inverse operations to answer calculations. Through this we will be able to strengthen our ability to solve two step problems, deciding which operations and methods to use and why.

Measurement – Length and perimeter – to calculate and measure perimeters of rectilinear figures in cm and m.

Multiplication/division – Recall and use facts for tables 6,7 and 9. To solve problems involving multiplying and adding, including using distributive law to multiply 2 digit by 1 digit numbers.

***SCIENCE** – Our focus will be on the physics element of the curriculum. We will be examining sound as a vibrations before moving onto electricity with an aim to construct simple circuits and conductors as well as understand the construction and workings of electrical circuits.*

***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

In history we will be looking at the Roman Empire and its impact upon Britain. We will look at the failed and successful invasions on Britain by the Romans. Taking into account the British resistance such as Boudicca.

Through this we will capture geography by looking at the spread of the Roman Empire across Britain and Europe. We will be plotting Roman invasions across the British Isles on maps and incorporating basic map reading into our learning.

***PE** - This term Year 4 will be taking part in a 10 week course in Swimming. These will take place every Monday afternoon at 1pm. Children must bring appropriate swimwear, a towel and a plastic/waterproof bag. We ask that any parents who have yet to pay for the swimming course seek the office as soon as possible to set up a payment plan. In addition to this, year 4 will also continue to build their gymnastics skills with our wonderful Coach Pippa. She will be working with the children on Friday mornings so please ensure that appropriate PE kit is in school on Fridays. As part of being a healthy school, we will also be carrying out the daily mile on non-PE days (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays). Children can wear plimsolls or trainers for this.*

ART and D&T – We will be using our sketch books to practise identifying features and drawing animals, including how these can represent different characteristics.

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 simple games and programs.

Spanish – This term the children will begin to explore essential Spanish conversation through a mixture of games, singing and activities.

Music – Mrs Brownbill will be taking the class for weekly music lessons where they will learn a variety of music skills. They will also continue to attend a weekly school hymn practise.

HOMEWORK – Our Autumn homework aim will be to continue developing the skills we practise and learn in class at home. A literacy and numeracy homework will be set every week on Thursday and be expected back in school by the next Tuesday. Our literacy homework this year will aim to not just develop spelling skills but writing skills as well with more extended writing tasks being set.

Please see inside your child's homework books for more details on homework and the expectations.

*Thank you for your continuing support, let's
have a great year!*

Miss Matthews and the Year 4 Team.