



## Year 4 NEWSLETTER - November

### HOMEWORK

Spelling	Spelling Shed at least 4 times a week. Test each THURSDAY!
Maths	TimesTables Rockstars and Maths Shed to be used regularly
Reading	Reading Eggspress should be used at least 4 times a week and the given assignment completed weekly.

### Diary Dates

Mondays – **SWIMMING**  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov – **Y4 Class Mass 11am**, parents welcome  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – **Y4 skipping session**  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – **Green trip** for proud cloud children  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov – **Y3/4 Class Mass 11am**, parents welcome  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – **Break up for Christmas**

### Year 5 staff

Mrs Cole – Class Teacher  
Miss Craven – SEND Support  
Mrs Bray – Teaching Support

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all parents who attended parents' meetings, it is good to keep in contact with you all to talk about your children. We have a busy half term ahead, full of new learning, learning about advent and preparing for Christmas.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks

Mrs Cole, Miss Craven and Mrs Bray

**RE:** Trust in God: children learn about Mary and Joseph's journey, the lead up to Christmas, the true celebration and how we can trust God in our own lives.

**English Writing:** We are using a picture book, investigating the story behind the pictures and creating our own narrative for the images. We will be using a wide range of vocabulary, developing our adverbial openers and noun phrases, and learning to edit further.

**Spelling:** We will continue developing Y3 spelling rules and begin to expand our vocabulary by learning new words and new spelling rules.

**English Reading:** Our reading is a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to retrieve information and develop our skills in prediction, visualising and inference. We are also developing our knowledge and appreciation of poetry.

**Maths:** Addition, subtraction and multiplication.

**PE:** Swimming is every Monday.

**PSHE:** Celebrating Differences: we will look at how we are all different, how we can accept others' differences in race, culture and hobbies.

**Science:** Animals Including Humans: This topic covers life cycles of animals and humans, teeth and the human digestive system.

**Geography:** Our European Neighbours: this topic covers the skills of identifying and locating continents, countries and cities of Europe; making comparisons between countries and cities; researching chosen cities.

**D&T:** Storybooks: experiment with techniques to create moving mechanisms, explore different fonts and graphic techniques, plan and create a storybook.

**Computing:** Learning about E-Safety, creating a powerpoint and a photostory.

**Music:** Each week we attend choir lessons with a member of the Leeds Diocese of Music. We also learn the skills and vocabulary of music.

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3. Try your best
4. Be positive



## RE Newsletter 2



Dear Parents,

The dark nights have certainly found their way back to us and we return from half term to the month of November – a time to remember those who have gone before us into the loving embrace of God.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*

We also find ourselves moving towards the season of Advent when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, at Christmas.

In this issue of the newsletter you will find what your child is learning about in each year group. We hope you find this newsletter of interest and as always, please keep us in your prayers as we continue to support your children in their religious education.

Dates from the Church’s calendar:

31 <sup>st</sup>	October	<b>All Saints’</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dec	St. Francis Xavier
2 <sup>nd</sup>	November	<b>All Souls</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	November	St. Winefride	6 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	St. Nicholas
17 <sup>th</sup>	November	St. Hilda of Whitby	8 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>
<b>of Mary</b>					
21 <sup>st</sup>	November	<b>Christ the King</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup>	November	St. Cecilia	19 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
28 <sup>th</sup>	November	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	25 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	<b>Nativity of Our Lord Jesus</b>
<b>Christ</b>					
30 <sup>th</sup>	November	St. Andrew	26 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	<b>The Holy Family</b>

The cycle of prayer during Advent and Christmas: *Openness to the Word of God* especially on Bible Sunday (2nd Sunday of Advent); *Migrants and Refugees* especially on Migrant's Day (3 December); *Expectant Mothers* especially on 4th Sunday of Advent.

### Year 4 - Trust in God

The children will learn about Jesus’ teaching and the importance of trusting in him. They will learn that it is not always easy to trust in God (e.g. Zechariah).



They will learn about the promise God made to Mary through the angel Gabriel and learn how Joseph put his trust in God when the angel appeared to him. They will become familiar with Mary’s song of praise and trust in God (the Magnificat) and learn that God fulfilled his promise to Mary when Jesus, the Son of God, was born.

The children will have a chance to deepen their awareness of God’s love for us and know that he asks us to trust in him. They will reflect on the times it is difficult to trust and on the importance of keeping promises. They will make their own Advent promises. The children will reflect on how Mary and Joseph placed all their trust in God and experience a celebration of the Nativity.

At home:

You could help your children by:

- making an Advent calendar with them

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