



## Year 4 NEWSLETTER - January

### 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 (wear PE kit please)**  
Fridays – **Skipping session (wear PE kit please)**  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb – **Y4 Class Mass 11am**, parents welcome

### Year 4 staff

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and a big welcome back to school in 2022.

I hope you have all met Miss Riaz by now, she joined us a couple of weeks before Christmas as the newest member of the team supporting your child's learning. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. God Bless you this 2022!

Mrs Cole, Miss Craven and Miss Riaz

**RE:** Celebrating the Mass: children learn about the signs and symbols of mass, the importance of readings, why we listen to God's word and what happens when we receive Holy Communion.

**English Writing:** We will use a story book to inspire our own narrative writing. We will be using a wide range of vocabulary and sentence types, focusing on punctuation and expanding our skills of adverbial openers and noun phrases.

**Spelling:** We will continue developing Y3 spelling rules and learn new year 4 spelling rules.

**English Reading:** The theme of our reading texts this half term is Vikings. We will read and investigate 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:** Multiplication, Division and Area.

**PE:** Swimming is every Monday.  
Skipping is each Friday.

**PSHE:** Our Garden of Dreams and Goals: we will focus on our hopes and dreams, develop skills in how to manage when dreams do not come true, learn about others' dreams and how they changed their lives, plus focus on the skill of being resilient.

**Science:** Sound: This topic covers how sounds are made, vibrating and investigating how vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear.

**History:** Vikings: We will take a journey back in time exploring the Viking and Anglo-Saxon power struggle, look where the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings came from, how they fought and what life was like in Viking Britain, exploring things such as Viking runes and Anglo-Saxon stories like Beowulf.

**Art:** Viking Art: We will focus on improving drawing and shading techniques, expand our art knowledge, understanding and skills.

**Computing:** Networks, the internet, what we should believe, sharing information and E-safety.

**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.

### School Golden Rules

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2. Listen
3. Try your best
4. Be positive



## RE Newsletter Spring 1

*Be the light to those around you!*

Dear Parents,

4<sup>th</sup> Jan – 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022

We begin this term full of the joy of the Christmas season which ends for us at the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on 9<sup>th</sup> January. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) when Jesus is recognised as ‘The Light of the World’. We must also remember that each one of us is called to be a ‘light’, an inspiration to those around us.



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:

6 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Thomas Aquinas
9 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> January	St. John Bosco
12 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Aelred of Rievaulx	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>Presentation of the Lord</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Anthony (desert Father)	3 <sup>rd</sup> February	St. Blaise
24 <sup>th</sup> January	St Francis de Sales	8 <sup>th</sup> February	St Josephine Bakhita
25 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Conversion of St. Paul</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> February	Our Lady of Lourdes
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Ss Timothy and Titus		

During the winter of Ordinary Time, i.e. up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.**

### Year 4 – Celebrating the Mass

**“In the Eucharist we receive Christ as our life and food, a promise of the eternal banquet of heaven. At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that become in reality Christ’s Body and Blood. Catholic faith adores this enduring presence of Christ not only within the celebration of the Mass but also outside it.”** *Religious Education Curriculum Directory*



Year 4 will know why Sunday is special for Christians and will know that we come to Mass to hear the teaching of Jesus and pray to him. They will learn that in the Mass we offer thanks to God the Father for the gift of his Son and learn that during Mass the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus. They will learn that when we receive Holy Communion we receive Jesus and learn that Jesus is present in the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. They will also learn some of the responses in the Mass and understand that Jesus died on the cross, and rose from the dead.

### At Home

You could help your children by:

- talking to them about all the things we have to be thankful for
- talking to them about how Sunday is a special day for Christians

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