



## Holy Trinity C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4. I hope you and your families had an enjoyable summer break. It was great to be a part of Google Meets over the latter part of the Home Schooling period. It left me excited about reuniting with the children in Year 4. It's an infrequently encountered, but sincerely a great pleasure, to be able to teach children for a second year in school. It's lovely to see how far they have come in a year, despite the disruption. Knowing the children already meant that we have hit the ground running and I am really excited about guiding them through Year 4. To make the home school partnership easier, here is some information about the topics we will be covering in the curriculum. I hope it is useful to you.

### Reading

Reading is the key to access every area of the curriculum. Children should read daily. The children are aware they need to take their diary home every afternoon and bring it into school the following morning. The expectation this year is that your child will make an independent entry in their reading diary each evening. Please continue to hear your child read aloud, even if they are fluent. Please discuss the text with them, questioning them on meaning and explaining any unfamiliar vocabulary or terms. This is invaluable in supporting their comprehension skills. Research shows that children who read regularly reap the benefits in many areas, not least children's confidence. When a book doesn't float the boat, try to find fun games like finding a word on a page (good for skimming skills). The reading diary can also be used for communication, should you wish to comment. Your views are always helpful. Please encourage them to include any books they read at home, both fiction and non-fiction.

### Homework

Homework will continue to be set on Google Classroom usually on Thursday to be back the following Tuesday. Generally, your child will be given an English and Maths task each week alongside weekly spellings, although occasionally other subjects maybe included. Homework should be neatly presented with the same expectations as in the classroom. While it is set on Google Classroom, it should be completed in the homework exercise book. The children have completed their diagnostic spelling assessment and will be given a weekly spelling list to learn for a test the following Thursday. Spelling Stars will also be given out for a test on the Thursday of the final week. Please encourage your child to practice spellings. It will benefit them considerably as they continue up through the years. Thank you in advance for your support.

### P.E.

Teal class will be having P.E on Monday afternoon each week with Mr. Whittle and again on Thursday morning. On these days children should come to school wearing their P.E. kit. **Please refer to the school website regarding correct P.E. kit** and please ensure all items are clearly named.

### Classroom Equipment

The emphasis on handwriting and presentation will continue this year and the children have made an excellent start so far. I will be giving children clear development points to improve handwriting and once they reach a consistently high standard, they will be awarded a pen licence.

### Curriculum

We have an enjoyable and exciting term ahead which kicked off with some work based on Oliver Jeffer's 'Here We Are'.

In English this term, we are studying George's Marvellous Medicine, looking at character and description and word groups. Alongside writing, the children will be using evidence from the text to illustrate the characters in their sketch books. Next term we will explore The Nutcracker, looking at both the story and the music.

In maths we will be looking at place value, addition and subtraction, time (including the 24 hour clock and time intervals) doubling and halving and multiplication and division facts. We will continue to look at different strategies for calculating while building confidence in mental maths. It is particularly important to continue supporting your child in learning their times tables this year, as we anticipate your child will be the first cohort to sit the new National Time Table Assessment in June. In science we are studying Animals including Humans, focusing on the digestive system. During Science Week we will cover the topic of Sound, returning to digestion the following week. Our history topic will cover the Aztecs followed by atlas skills, map work, compass points and direction after the holiday. The class will continue to have Mrs. Thandi to teach their French lessons on Monday afternoons. Her first topic will be animals. In RE the children will be looking at the question Do Murti's help Hindu's to understand God? In Music we are exploring how pictures can be painted with sound, i.e. how music can create a mood or tell a story. We will listen to world music, particularly Mexican music, Spanish language music and Mariachi.

Once again, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to make contact – I will endeavor to call you if you have sent an email to [offic@holytrinitysch.co.uk](mailto:offic@holytrinitysch.co.uk). I look forward to meeting with you again to discuss your child's progress formally at Parents' Evening.

Yours faithfully,

*Matthew Burn*