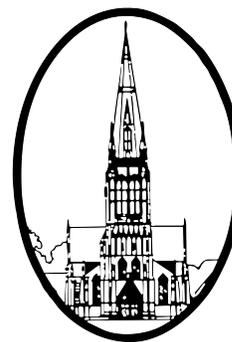


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*'Through God's love, we strive to be
 the best we can be.'*

Tuesday 8th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you had a lovely summer holiday. I am really looking forward to working with your children this year. My name is Mr Clark and I shall be teaching year 4 with Miss Thompson and Miss Fozia supporting the class.

Here is an overview of the topics that will be covered in the other curriculum areas.

Literacy	<p>The first book we will be reading is 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes</p> <p>The children will be learning how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predict • Debate • Write character and setting descriptions • Write diary entries and stories • Write newspaper reports <p>Spelling, grammar and punctuation will continue to be taught throughout the term.</p>
Maths	<p>Recap on year 3 units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place value • Numbers to 4 digits • Addition & Subtraction
Topic	<p>Recap on year 3 units: Science- Rocks and Light Geography- UK Rivers and Mountains</p>
PE	Team games
PHSCE	What strengths, skills and interests do we have?
RE	How does belief in God affect the actions of people in the Old Testament?
Spanish	Communication skills

PE

Your child's PE days are **Monday and Thursday**.

Children should arrive at school dressed in the correct PE kit.

- Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings
- White t-shirt or St Marys house team t-shirt
- School jumper
- Suitable trainers

Until we receive confirmation from Clissold Leisure Centre we are unable to go swimming, if at any point this changes you will be notified.

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out every Friday and returned the following Thursday.

Reading

We expect that your child reads on a daily basis for 10 – 20 minutes and that you sign your child's reading log every day to say that they have done this. Please can you discuss the plot and characters as well as the meaning of new words the children read. This will help to develop comprehension skills. Please remember to reread the whole sentence once a tricky word has been solved. This helps to develop fluency. Your child's home reading book needs to be returned on Tuesday so it can be changed.

Times Tables

By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know all of their times tables (1 -12) off by heart and their related division facts.

For example:

$$2 \times 5 = 10$$

$$5 \times 2 = 10$$

$$10 \div 2 = 5$$

$$10 \div 5 = 2$$

Please ensure your child practises these times tables on a daily basis as part of their homework routine.

Drinking water and Fruit

We encourage children to drink water throughout the day. Please ensure your child brings a **named** water bottle to school every day. Children are also encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit to eat at break time.

Finally, I would just like to remind you that the school gates open at 8.50am each morning and that your child should be settled in class by 9am when learning starts. Please remember that the school day ends at 3.30pm and that children must be

collected on time. It is important that staff are able to prepare lessons and attend staff meetings directly after school; therefore parents of children that are collected late will be fined £10.

I look forward to working with you all during what I'm sure will be a successful school term. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to talk to me after school or make an appointment with me at the school office.

Yours Sincerely,
Mr Clark, Miss Thompson and Miss Fozia