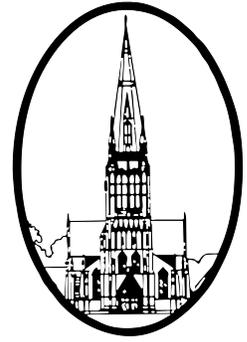


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"St Mary's.... feeding the mind, body and spirit so we can be the best we can be."

Tuesday 6th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you had a lovely summer holiday, my name is Miss Perdicou and I shall be teaching year 4 with Mr Roults 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 and 'Lost happy endings,' by Carol Ann Duffy.</p> <p>The children will be learning how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predict and infer • Write to persuade • Write character and setting descriptions • Write to innovate • Write newspaper reports <p>Spelling, grammar and punctuation will continue to be taught throughout the term.</p>
Maths	<p>We will begin recapping year 3 outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place value • Number (up to 10,000) • 4 operations
Topic	<p>Science: States of matter Science: Sound</p>
PE	Team games, swimming
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
Music	<p>Singing Charanga: Mamma Mia using classroom instruments</p>

PE

Your child's PE day is **Wednesday**.

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

Swimming

Swimming will take place on **Thursday 8th September 2022** at Clissold leisure centre between **11am – 12pm**.

Children will be required to bring a swimming costume every day for the whole school year.

- Swimming hat
- Swimming costume or swimming shorts
- Towel
- Flip flops (optional)
- Goggles (optional)

Homework

Homework will be sent out every **Friday** and returned the following **Thursday** for marking.

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 **Fridays** 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 at the school office.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Perdicou and Mr Roult