

Some useful information:

P.E

As we sometimes do additional P.E. at any time in the week, we would like children's P.E. kits to be in school Monday to Friday. They will need a school P.E. kit with trainers for outdoor wear and plimsolls for indoor wear. They will also need a tracksuit this term. Please label all items of clothing with your child's name.

Reading

Children have Guided Reading sessions weekly. In addition, they have the opportunity to read each day during silent reading and as part of whole class activities. We recommend taking every opportunity to read with your child. The children have a reading log in which to record their daily reading. Their reading folder is taken home each night and needs to be returned to school every day.

Homework

English homework will be sent home every Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday. Maths homework will be given out Monday through to Thursday to be worked on for approximately 15 minutes a night. This should be completed in your child's Maths Homework book and returned each day for marking.

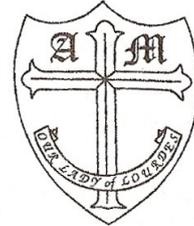
Important Dates

Jan 25th	Year 4T Around the World at WHSB
Feb 3rd	Interim Reports Issued (wk comm)
Feb 8th	Year 4H Around the World at WHSB
Feb 10th	Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Celebration (which falls on 11th Feb)
Feb 13th	Half Term (13th—17th)
Feb 27th	Book Week
Mar 1st	Ash Wednesday
Mar 20th	Bikeability Level 1 (4H)
Mar 21st	Bikeability Level 1 (4T)
Mar 28th	Parent/Teacher/Pupil Consultation Sessions. 3pm—6pm
Mar 29th	Parent/Teacher/Pupil Consultation Sessions. 4pm—7pm
Mar 31st	End of Term - School closes at 1.30pm
April 3rd	Easter Holiday (3rd—17th)
April 18th	Summer Term begins

Whole school key words:

Punctuality
Presentation
Perseverance
Politeness
Prayerfulness.

**We can do anything
that we set our
minds to.**



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**Spring Term
Curriculum
For Year 4**

**Class teachers:
Mrs Tallon**

St Therese of the Child Jesus

Mrs Hopkinson

St Joan of Arc

Mrs Kidd—Science

Mrs Taylor—P.E.

Mrs O'Kane—Music

Religious Education

In Religious Education we will be following the 'Come and See' programme. This term, our topics will include 'Community', 'Giving and Receiving' and 'Self Discipline'. We will explore what it means to belong to our Church and school communities. We will think about how Jesus gives himself to us in Word and Sacrament and celebrate the growth of new life in Christ, in preparation for Easter. In our 'Journey In Love' studies we will be exploring our own gifts, talents, achievements and all that makes us unique

English

In our English lessons we will explore a range of genres including poetry, recounts, reports and discussion. Across these genres we will continue to develop our sentence writing skills. We will be focusing on the correct use of punctuation in direct speech, use of paragraphs for a change in action, setting and time and encouraging the children to use adventurous vocabulary to engage the reader and suit the purpose.

We will develop our dictionary skills to improve our spelling as we continue to move towards becoming independent editors of our own work. The children will learn about the correct use of the apostrophe and practise the spelling of prefixes and suffixes.

Mathematics

In Maths, we will consolidate the children's knowledge of the four rules of number. Children will revisit mental methods of calculation and will apply these to solve word problems. They will also extend and revise the written methods of calculation.

The children will be studying statistics through the interpretation of data from diagrams and graphs.

We will be adding and subtracting fractions and finding equivalent fractions as well as exploring decimals. When covering the concept of 'time' this term, we will be looking at the 24 hour clock and solving problems on the duration of time.

We will be practising the times tables and the corresponding division facts to 12 x 12.

Computing

In Computing this term, the children will use the internet for research linked to other areas of the curriculum. They will also experience basic programming through the use of 'Scratch' and the 'Switched On' computing program.

Science

During the first part of the term, our topic will be 'Electricity'. The children will learn the basic components of an electric circuit. They will have lots of opportunities to set up and explore different circuits.

In the latter part of the term, our Science topic will be 'States of Matter'. Children will learn about the three states of matter; solids, liquids and gases, by looking at a variety of different substances.

History / Geography

We are continuing with our Victorian topic this term. We will learn about their way of life, Victorian food, the difference between rich and poor and some of the key inventions of that time.

In the latter part of the term, we will introduce the summer topic of 'The Mayans'.

In Geography, we will be developing our map reading skills and exploring our local environment linked to our Victorian heritage.

French

Through role-play, games, songs and actions the children will revise numbers 1-40 and learn numbers 41-60. They will learn how to respond to questions about birthdays and dates and tell the time in French. They will also learn vocabulary relating to Easter.

Art/D.T.

In Art & Design this term, we will be exploring the artwork of William Morris and creating our own drawings and paintings based on his work.

We will be exploring 3-D work through paper craft.

Our work will be closely linked to the topics we are studying this term.

Music

In Music the children will be exploring the work of Hans Zimmer. They will be introduced to basic pitch notation and develop their aural awareness. They will learn a variety of songs from around the world. Songs from the Junior Music Festival will also be introduced.

P.E.

During P.E lessons, the children will develop their fitness skills through a range of activities. We will develop our athletics skills, concentrating on relay and throwing techniques.