

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

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Welcome back.

We hope you have had happy and restful Christmas holiday. I can't quite believe we have completed the first term in Year 4. What a busy term it was! As usual at the beginning of a new term we have been busy assessing the children. They will be heard read each week in school but not necessarily on the same day, so I ask that the children bring their reading books and diary to school every day.

P.E. will be on Wednesday and Thursday each week. Please could you ensure that your child brings their P.E. kit, which is black shorts, a white T – shirt and pumps or trainers. As the cold weather is still with us for the first half of this term, a reminder that children are allowed to bring in black tracksuit bottoms to wear during PE lessons.

Homework will be given out on a Friday which will be due back in by the following Thursday. English Homework will be given out in books and Maths Homework will be on a sheet.

Spellings will be given out each Monday and tested the following Monday. Children will need to bring spelling books to school each Monday. As always, if there are any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Buckley and Mrs Philpott

What are we learning about?

RE.: Jesus –Light of the World,

Old Testament Moses – King David

Lent and Easter

English: Multi genre – Eye of the Wolf

Maths: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Measure.

Multiplication and division Fractions and Decimals

Science: Circuits and Conductors and States of Matter

ICT: Internet Safety, Algorithms and Programming and An

Introduction to Programming.

PE: Bridges, Basketball

Art/DI: Vincent Van Gogh and Torches

Geography: Volcanoes

History: Early Civilisations

Special days / Dates:

16th-17th January: PE assessment – please have PE kit in school.

Week Beginning 29th January – Brilliant in Britain Week. Module 2 of Ten:Ten

31st Jan– Parent Workshop – Reading focus

1st Feb – Parent Workshop – Reading focus

5th February – Parents Evening

8th February – Trinity Club

3rd February – Family Mass

9th February – Poetry recital

9th February – Break up for Half Term

Values for Spring Term:

Compassionate and Loving – before half term

Compassionate: Having sympathy and empathy for other people, thinking about others near and far, especially the less fortunate.

Loving: Showing Christ-like love for all others, even when this is difficult to do, thinking of others, acting with fairness and equality, being just and showing true forgiveness in the ways of Jesus.

Faith-filled and Hopeful after half term

Faith filled – learning to keep our faith and trust in God almighty even when things are difficult or we are challenged.

Hopeful – keeping our faith and believing in hope – the hope and trust that our prayers are heard, god knows us, loves us, hears us and helps us. Having hope in our faith in Lord Jesus Christ