

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Part of St Gabriel the Archangel Multi Academy Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Year 4!

We are excited to begin this new learning journey—one we hope your child will always remember, and one that will prepare them well for the adventures of upper KS2.

You can support your child along the way by:

- Listening to them read for at least 10 minutes each day
- Helping them practise their spellings and times tables
- Encouraging them to complete homework regularly

PE Kits

PE kits should remain in school for the entire half-term. If you haven't already sent one in, please do so as soon as possible.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak with either myself or Mrs. Parker. We are always happy to help in any way we can.

Warm regards,
Mrs. C. Hickman

What are we learning about?

This Term our topics are:

- RE – Creation, Old Testament from Jacob to Joseph.
- English – Creatures Great and Small (Poetry)
- Maths – Place value; addition and subtraction of numbers up to 1000 multiplication by partitioning.
- Geography – All around the world (Countries and Continents)
- History – Ancient Civilisations
- Art – Buildings and Architecture

Special days / Dates:

Sept – Feb: Weekly Djembe Drumming
Thurs 18th Sept Parent Workshop (Maths)
Class Mass Tues 23rd Sept & 11th Nov
Class Assembly Fri 10th October
3rd Nov St Martin de Porres class saint's day (own clothes)
Wed 26th Nov: 'Play in a Day' (Konflux Theatre)
SPARKS visit from the Fire Brigade to teach fire safety.

The class charity we have chosen to support:
World Wildlife Fund



<p><u>Values for Autumn Term:</u> Eloquent and Truthful– before half term</p> <p>Eloquent: Speaking clearly to shared the Gospel and support each other. Truthful: Being honest and truthful in all we say and do.</p> <p>Learned and Wise– after half term</p> <p>Learned: Taking time to consider the Gospel and learn from Jesus’ teachings. Wise: Thinking carefully and making good choices.</p>	<p><u>Children as leaders</u></p> <p>In Year 4 class the children have the opportunity to be: Creation Guardians, on the School Council, a Mini Vinnie, part of the School Mission team and prayer leaders.</p>
<p><u>Catholic Social Teaching & British Values</u> Throughout the curriculum and beyond children learn about the 7 principles of Catholic Social Teaching - Working in Solidarity, Care for Creation, Community & Participation, Dignity of Workers, Help for the Poor & Vulnerable, Human Dignity & Solidarity and how they link to British Values – Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Respect & Tolerance.</p>	<p><u>St Joseph’s Way – See our website for more details</u></p> <p>At St. Joseph’s we develop children’s character through the ‘St. Joseph’s Way’ curriculum. In order to build character, we define the behaviours and habits that we expect students to demonstrate. We want to support our pupils to grow into adults who are polite, respectful, grateful and who put others before themselves. We believe that, as pupils practise these behaviours over time, they become habits that positively shape how they feel about themselves and how other people perceive them. As philosopher Will Durant states, “We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.” (1926)</p>