

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,

Welcome to our final term in Year 4! I hope you all had a lovely Easter Break, as we come back refreshed and looking forward to the better weather and brighter days! During this term, we will be preparing for the government's multiplication tables check test which will be completed by June. Knowing all the times tables up to 12 x 12 is also important upon entering Year 5, as this knowledge is needed to progress in fractions, division and problem solving. Your support in this area is really important and very much appreciated.

As with the start of every new term, please can you ensure that your children have a full PE kit in school! Children also need to make sure that they always have their reading books with them, and to remember to hand in their homework by Thursday each week. Swimming is also on Thursdays.

As always, if there are any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Warm regards,

Mrs C. Hickman & Mrs Parker

### What are we learning about?

This Term our topics are:

RE: Easter, Pentecost, Sharing in the Life of Christ, Special Roles and Responsibilities.

English – Fantasy story writing based on Philip Pullman's 'Aladdin'.

Maths – Symmetry, statistics, multiplication/division and fractions.

Science: Electricity and Investigations.

PE: Athletics and fielding games.

Topic: Volcanoes and Anglo-Saxons, Picts and Scots.

ICT: iAnimate and iData

### Special days / Dates:

- 24<sup>th</sup> April Yr 4 Assembly
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June: Class Masses
- Swimming on Thursdays!
- 15<sup>th</sup> June Trip to Canal Trust
- \* 17<sup>th</sup> June Parent Workshop

### The class charity we have chosen to support



### Values for Summer Term:

Grateful and Generous – before half term

Grateful: Taking the time to appreciate the blessing from God and being thankful to Him.

Generous: Sharing our special talents and gifts with others.

### Children as leaders

In Year 4, the children have the opportunity to be:

Creation Guardians, on the School Council, a Mini Vinnie and part of the School Mission team.

<p>Attentive and Discerning- after half term</p> <p>Attentive: Being attentive to the type of person Jesus is calling us to be.</p> <p>Discerning: Thinking carefully about the choices and decisions we make.</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>
<p><u>Catholic Social Teaching &amp; British Values</u></p> <p>Throughout the curriculum and beyond children learn about the 7 principles of Catholic Social Teaching - Working in Solidarity, Care for Creation, Community &amp; Participation, Dignity of Workers, Help for the Poor &amp; Vulnerable, Human Dignity &amp; Solidarity and how they link to British Values – Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Respect &amp; Tolerance.</p>	