

## ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Firstly, from all in the Year 4 team, we hope you have a wonderful, relaxing and peaceful Christmas and we wish you all a Happy New Year. We would also like to say what a wonderful first term we have had teaching your children. They have settled into year 4 really well and have embraced their learning. They have worked hard and we know that they will continue to do so in the spring term.

Together, we have already created so many special memories including our Victorian Day, the Black History workshop, a dance workshop, our Christmas lunch and of course our amazing Christmas production. We look forward to creating more memories in 2023.

Please see our **curriculum map** which is attached.

### **RE**

In RE we will continue following the 'Come and See' RE scheme of work. The topics this term are: 'Community' and 'Giving and Receiving' and 'Self-Discipline'.

### **PE and Music:**

PE and Music are on Monday mornings for both classes. **Children will continue to wear their PE kit to school and remain in it all day.** Please remember that **no jewellery** is allowed on PE days. Full PE kit is also expected which includes green shorts, dark track suit bottoms (optional), white T-shirts, plimsolls or trainers. Also please ensure long hair is tied back. Finally, it is recommended that all children have a bottle of water to maintain hydration.

### **Reading Books:**

**Reading is an essential part of learning and it is of paramount importance that every child, reads aloud every night at home, and answers comprehension questions.** All children should be reading daily using myON, in addition to their levelled book on Accelerated Reader. Your child's **reading book and diary should be in school every day**, and books should be changed regularly. When children finish any Accelerated Reader book or myON book, they need to complete a test. Please sign your child's Reading Record at least three times a week.

### **Homework:**

Homework is issued on a **Friday** and should be returned on the following **Thursday**. Some of the activities they need to complete on line e.g., My Maths, Spelling Shed, Times Tables Rockstars and myON so it's important that they know their usernames and passwords.

We expect the children to **read daily for 20 minutes** and practise their '**times tables**' and **spellings** every evening. At the end of Year 4, children are **expected to be fluent in times tables up to 12**. As you may be aware, the children will be required to participate in a national times tables test in June 2023, so it is very important that they are fluent. Using Times Tables Rock stars will benefit your child greatly because the test that they have to do later on in the year is online. Please let us know if they are unable to access this invaluable

online resource at home. Our school focus on times tables isn't just due to the Year 4 test but also because being fluent in the tables makes solving many maths tasks much easier for the children.

We appreciate that there may be occasions when it is not possible for your child to complete the task in the given time. If this is the case, please write us a quick note.

**Some useful diary dates:**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January** – Back to School

**Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> January** – Cultures and Inspirations Week

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January** – Cultural Dress up Day

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January** – Cultural Exhibition

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January** – DT Day

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January** – 4T trip to Watts Gallery - Artists' Village

**Week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> January** – National Storytelling Week

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** – Safer Internet Day & Parents' Evening

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February** – Parents' Evening

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – 4R trip to Watts Gallery - Artists' Village

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – INSET Day

**13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February** – Half Term

**Week beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – Book Week & Bike ability Level 1

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – Pjama day

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – World Book Day and Dress up day

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – INSET Day

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – DT Day

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 4 Easter Celebration Assembly

**Please also look at the School Calendar** which is sent out regularly by the office with the Updates and Reminders for additional dates and changes, throughout the year. It is also available on the school website.

Thank you for your kind wishes, gifts and all your support this term. May you have the gladness of Christmas, which is hope; the spirit of Christmas which is peace and the heart of Christmas which is love. We hope that you will enjoy the special times with your family and friends and that you and your families are blessed with peace this Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Dimech, Mr Pell, Mrs Day and Mrs Hurrell

