



Year 4 News



Summer 1
Half Term

Dear parents/ guardians,
I hope you had a great Easter! Here is an overview of our learning for this half term. As always, if you have any concerns, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can help resolve them.

Maths

This half term we will be concentrating on the following aspects of maths:

- Written methods for division and multiplication.
- Place value of 5 digit numbers, finding 1000 more/less, comparing 5 digit numbers using $< > =$, using negative numbers
- Decimals - multiplying and dividing by 10/100, marking decimals on a number line, multiplying decimals by 10/100, rounding decimals to the nearest whole number.
- Multiplication - times tables and written method including money
- Roman numerals, area and perimeter, 2D & 3D shape.
- Decimals & Fractions - 2 place decimals in the context of length, focus on hundredths, equivalent fractions

We will be carrying out reasoning activities on each of these areas to improve our mastery of the year 4 curriculum.

We will continue to improve our multiplication facts with weekly tests and speed tables.

RE

We will begin with our Pentecost topic looking at good news and how the apostles felt when they were given the power of the Holy Spirit. In our building bridges topic we will look at how in order for bridges to be built, a person has to acknowledge wrongdoing, so as to be reconciled to others and to God. This can be formally celebrated in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Finally, in our universal church topic we will look at members of the church community who have lived in God's way.

Literacy

Our literacy will link to our topic where children will write an explanation text about the digestive system, a balanced argument about junk food, instructions on how to clean your teeth, and an information leaflet about the history of teeth.

In grammar we will focus on possessive plural nouns, direct speech, adverbs and how to answer questions in a grammar test.

Our spelling patterns are: 'prefixes: re, ir and im and learning the year 3/4 words for this half term.

Topic

Our new topic is 'Healthy Me. This topic will cover:

- Healthy food - how to have a healthy diet
- Healthy breakfast - alternatives to cereal
- Designing and making flavoured yoghurt including the packaging.
- Oral hygiene
- The history of dentistry and teeth around the world.

Science

We will look at 'Human Nutrition'. In this unit, children will:

- Identify and explain the function of the parts of the digestive system.
- Identify types of teeth in humans and other animals.
- Investigate tooth decay by designing their own enquiry.

Computing

We will be investigating how we can use the coding programme scratch to design and make a quiz based on our topic of digestion and teeth.

Art

In art we will be looking at famous smiles that have been painted and creating our own self-portraits based on one of the famous paintings.