



# St. Peter's C of E (V C) Primary School

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### Year 4 Newsletter. Autumn Term 2016

Welcome to Year 4! We are looking forward to a really exciting year of learning. The children will be taught by Mrs Craig on Mondays, Tuesdays and every other Wednesday and by Mrs. Burrows every other Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays.

In English, we will be writing explanation texts based on our Romans topic. Following learning on the content, layout and vocabulary of explanation texts the children will be using their computing skills to produce a Roman leaflet. Our grammar focus will be learning to use fronted adverbials in our writing as well as expanding simple noun phrases with appropriate adjectives. Spelling lessons will introduce a particular spelling pattern and the children will be given a list of weekly spellings to learn. These will usually be tested on a Thursday and returned on a Friday, with a new set to learn at home for the following week.

In Maths, we will begin this year with place value, followed by addition and subtraction. We will also be comparing and classifying different 2D shapes including triangles and quadrilaterals. Following this, we will take a brief look at telling the time before working on being able to convert units of length, weight and capacity. Times tables are a really important focus in Year 4 and we hope you will support us by regularly practising them with your child. By the end of year 4, the expectation is that every child should know their tables up to 12 by 12 and the inverse (division) facts.

Electricity is our focus in Science, before moving on to States of Matter next half term. In R.E. we consider the question, How special is the relationship Jews have with God? In the second part of the term we will think about what the most significant part of the Nativity story is for Christians today.

Our learning in History gives us our topic theme for this term. We will be looking at the Romans. In Art we will learn about Roman mosaics and create our own mosaic panels. We will be learning how to talk about animals in French and in Music, Mrs. Burrows will teach the recorder alongside reading notation and a little bit of singing.

P.E. lessons with Mrs Stopps will take place on Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure your child has their kit with them for this day. A separate letter will be sent home about swimming.

Homework will consist of daily reading, weekly spellings, times tables, MyMaths, topic-based activities and a speaking & listening task.

Your child will be set a speaking task to complete for homework this year. Please look out for the letter coming home about this.

So, we enter a busy term with lots to learn and investigate. We will do our best to support your child in their learning. Should you need to speak to either of us for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to your support.

Mrs. Craig

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Mrs. Burrows

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