



Year 4 Newsletter Advent 2023

Monday, September 11th

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome you all to the Advent term! It's so lovely to have all of the children back and myself and Miss Brady are really enjoying getting to know them. Here is a rundown of what the children will be studying in the first half-term.

Coastal Regions	Key vocabulary
English – Tension tools, creative writing, non-fiction texts.	Possessive apostrophes, fronted adverbials, contractions
Maths – Place value, addition and subtraction, measurement, multiplication and division.	Operations, sum, product, efficient, estimate
RE – People (family trees and God's family), story of Abraham. Other Faiths' Week - Judaism	Descendants, family, relationships
Science Animals Include Humans – How our bodies function and relationships in the animal kingdom.	Digestive system, producers, consumers, predators
Geography Coasts – The physical and human features which make up coast regions.	Erosion, sedimentary, headlands, tides
PSHE E-Safety, Becoming an active citizen.	Social media, Internet, responsibility, community
Spanish Numbers 11-31, months of the year, seasons, singing happy birthday.	Uno, dos, tres, mes, invierno, feliz cumpleaños
Music Range of instruments as part of curriculum.	Pace, tone, genre beat, chords

Homework

Homework is given on Fridays and is expected back the following Friday, unless a longer deadline has been agreed.

Spellings will be given out every Tuesday, with a test taking place the following Tuesday.

Reading We actively encourage the children to read for pleasure as much as possible, both in and outside of school, from either the books chosen at school or via the MyOn reading app. They are expected to record their reading in their diaries at least three times a week – with a note on what they've read. This must be signed by an adult. Those children who read regularly will be rewarded for their efforts.

Dates for your diary	
Skegness Trip	Friday, September 22
INSET Day	Monday, September 25
Break up for half-term	Friday, October 20
Return to school	Monday, November 6
Break-up for Christmas	Friday, December 22

School values – Each week we will look at a different school value in class and encourage the children to practise it in their own lives:



Kindness

**Appreciation
Respect**

Responsibility

**Honesty
Resilience**

Commitment

P.E information

P.E will take place on Thursday afternoons. Please ensure kits are always in school as they may be required at other times during the week. This term they will be playing football.



Expectations

In line with our school values, children are expected to show kindness, respect and appreciation to all other members of the St Mary's community.

In lessons, they should listen well and try their best to participate in all lessons and activities.

If they do this consistently, they will be rewarded with Star of the Day and Week prizes plus house points across the school.



Times Tables

By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know their times tables up to 12 x 12. Any work you can do to help support this at home would be greatly appreciated. Mathletics and Hit The Button (www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button) are both very useful online resources.