





# Year 4 Newsletter Advent 2 2023

Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome you all to the second Advent half-term! It's so lovely to have all of the children back and I hope you had a restful break. Here is a rundown of what the children will be studying in this half-term.

<i>Coastal Regions</i>	<b>Key vocabulary</b>
<b>English</b> Features of a descriptive write, tools to create tension Features of a non-chronological report, biography writing.	Adjectival phrase Extended noun phrase Formal language Third person
<b>Maths</b> Multiplication and division, 3, 6, 7, 9 and 12 times tables, multiplying by 1 and 0, dividing by 1 and itself.	Inverse Efficient methods Division facts
<b>RE</b> How the Apostles were chosen, the story of Samuel, the sacrament of Confirmation, the special story of the birth of Jesus and the visit of the Three Wise Men, the actions of Christians during Advent. 	Apostles Sacraments Confirmation Vocation Journey
<b>Science</b> <b>States of Matter</b> The differences and similarities between liquids, gases and solids, what causes materials to change state, the water cycle and the processes involved.	Matter State Water vapour Precipitation Condensation
<b>History</b> <b>Ancient Greece</b> Athens versus Sparta, how the Olympics were created and the differences and similarities to now. 	Acropolis Parthenon Athenians Spartans Zeus Athena
<b>PE</b> <b>Football</b> To accurately control and pass a ball, to increasingly dribble a ball with control, to shoot with accuracy.	Control Dribble Accuracy Technique
<b>Spanish</b> Numbers 11-31, months of the year, seasons, singing happy birthday.	Uno, dos, tres, mes, invierno, feliz cumpleanos

## 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

Anti-Bullying Week	Starts Monday, November 13
Advent Retreat Day	Monday, December 4
Christmas Disco	Monday, December 18
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday, December 21
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**

**Responsibility**

**Commitment**

**Appreciation  
Respect**

**Honesty  
Resilience**

## P.E information

P.E will take place on Monday 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](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button)) are both very useful online resources.

