

What we are Learning in Year 4 this Half Term

November - December 2024

Coastal Regions	Key vocabulary
 English Features of a non-chronological report Features of a newspaper report Past to present tense Direct speech Maths Adding and subtracting 4-digit numbers with exchanges Finding the length and perimeter of a shape Multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 Using and applying knowledge to solve problems Multiplying and dividing by 3, 6, 7, 9 and 12 	Extended noun phrase Present tense Direct speech Third person Exchanging Length Perimeter Inverse Efficient methods Division facts
 RE Called: How the Apostles were chosen, the story of Sean Devereux, the sacrament of Confirmation Gift: 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
 Science – States of Matter 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
 History – Ancient Greece The Ancient Greeks invented theatre and enjoyed watching plays How the Olympics were created and the differences and similarities to now Who were the main Greek gods and goddesses? 	Acropolis Parthenon Athenians Spartans Zeus Athena
 PE - Basketball To accurately throw a ball to a target To increasingly dribble a ball with control To catch a ball consistently with one or two hands 	Track Release Technique Control Persevere
 Design and Technology – Cooking and Nutrition Greek cookies go back to 1200BC when women and bakers found it hard to find ingredients to make sweets They use flour, butter, honey, olive oil, lemon, sugar and spices To weigh out ingredients accurately To shape the dough carefully so it cooks thoroughly 	Beat Whisk Sprinkle Grate Knead Blend

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 reading apps. They are expected to record in their diaries at least three times a week their reading – with a note on what they've read. This must be signed by an adult. There is also a chart at the back of the diary to record which books they have completed and give them a score out of 10. Those children who read regularly will be rewarded for their efforts.

Dates for your diary			
Swimming	Fridays		
Advent Retreat	Monday, December 2nd		
KS2 Carols	Wednesday, December 18th		
Break-up for Christmas	Friday, December 20th		

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	Honesty	
	Respect	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.



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/hitthe-button) are both very useful online resources.

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 Missionary Star of the Day and Week prizes plus house points across the school.

