



St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School Year 4 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all!

I hope you all had a relaxing and joyful holiday! Welcome back to all the children in Year 4. I am incredibly proud of all the children, who have returned to school with a fantastic working attitude.

English

In English this term we will be exploring, planning and writing poetry, as well as developing our knowledge of persuasive writing. Children will also continue to develop knowledge and skills in spelling, spelling rules, reading comprehension, how to respond to different texts and speaking and listening skills.

Maths

The children will continue to work on activities to develop their mathematical knowledge and understanding in 5 key areas:

- ❖ Numbers and the Number System
- ❖ Calculations
- ❖ Solving Problems
- ❖ Geometry
- ❖ Statistics



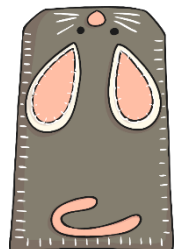
Where possible, the activities will link to real life scenarios. The children will also continue to further develop mathematical mastery skills and arithmetic knowledge.

Foundation Subjects.

This half-term, we will be taking part in Music and French sessions each Thursday afternoon. We will be exploring different musical structures as well as developing our notation skills and performing. In French we are going to complete a range of activities to further our knowledge of animals and the weather. We are also going to focus on **Geography** this half-term, where we will be investigating Europe with a specific interest in Spain.

Design and Technology

Children will be learning the different types of sewing stitches and using their knowledge to design, create and evaluate on a product that they will be making!



Physical Education

P.E. sessions are now on Friday and we will be exploring dance techniques in these sessions. To enable children to participate fully in these sessions and P.E., please ensure that children come to school dressed in a complete kit, including trainers, with each item clearly labelled with their name.

Religious Education



The topics for this term are:

- ❖ Community
- ❖ Giving and Receiving
- ❖ Self-Discipline

We will also continue Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation and Holy Communion and children should continue to attend church if they are intending to take these sacraments.

Jewellery

Just a polite reminder that earrings should be small, simple studs with only one per ear. No bracelets or bangles to be worn in school. For hair accessories, only small hair ties. Finally, longer hair needs to be tied back, out of the child's eyes.

Homework

- ❖ Our homework day is a **Wednesday**.
- ❖ As you know, reading is very important. Please listen to your children read and encourage them to read as much as possible. Children are asked to record what they have read alone, in their reading diary or by an adult's comment.
- ❖ Children must have their reading diary every day and diaries will be monitored during group reading sessions
- ❖ **Reading Eggspress** is an excellent way to read in short bursts and answer comprehension questions. These questions mirror the questions on SAT papers in the future – a great way to prepare. Children should complete **one** assignment each week.
- ❖ Times tables and related division facts need to be learned for quick recall as soon as possible and will be tested on alternate days. Please remember that **Timetables Rockstars** is a great way to practise this.
- ❖ Spellings will be tested weekly on a **Wednesday** and children can access Spelling Shed to help with each week's spellings, alongside the paper copy sent out.
- ❖ If a child has not managed to achieve the expected outcomes, support will be offered during breaktimes.

If you have any questions or anything to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks and best wishes,

Miss Dembry and Mrs Hagan.