

RE - Local church and Community - In this topic, children will explore the experiences of community and how it is an essential and enjoyable part of life for people of every age and faith. We will learn about various roles within our own community.

Maths - Children will continue to consolidate their understanding of place value and using this to compare and order numbers. We will be learning about Roman numerals to link with our History topic. We will continue to practise formal addition, subtraction, multiplication and division methods. Children should continue to practise their times tables and quick addition/subtraction problems to help develop their mental calculation skills.

English - 'Into the Forest' is the book we will be studying for the first few weeks, focusing on narrative story telling. Then we will be studying 'Escape from Pompeii' that is set in Ancient Rome to help us learn more about our History topic.

PHSCE - SEAL: Going for goals
Children will discuss what goals we want to set ourselves and how we will work to achieve them.

PE - Dance takes place on Tuesday and PE on a Thursday. Children must bring in full PE kit for both of these sessions.

Swimming - Children will swim every Friday, a reminder that every child needs a swimming hat, towel and plain navy/black swimming costumes.

MFL - Children will continue to learn Mandarin every Tuesday with a specialist teacher. Short follow up activities will be completed during the week (e.g. in register time) so children have a chance to consolidate their learning.

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Trips and out of school learning opportunities:
We have two choir trips to Westminster Cathedral as the chorister outreach program continues. Parents are invited to the Easter performance on 18th March. Every final Thursday of the month, we will be joining the Year 4 class at St John's to play golf at the O2.

ICT: Understand what algorithms are; how they are implemented as programs on digital devices. Children will create a game on Scratch.

Art/DT

Use of paints - Focus: water colour versus oil.

Children will learn how to use watercolours, consolidate mixing techniques.

Music - Children will continue to work with a specialist music teacher every Wednesday as well as the Westminster Choir Program. Some children will be learning recorder in the afternoon.

SCIENCE

States of Matter - children will be learning about solids, liquids and gases. They will explore how these states behave and how materials can change



state.

History

We will be looking at the Roman Empire, the invasions that took place and the impact on Britain.

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Spring Newsletter

18th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school this New Year. We have got straight back into learning and it is great to see all the children enthusiastic and ready to learn.

PE will take place on Tuesday and Thursday and swimming every Friday. Your child should bring a complete PE kit. The kit comprises of a white PE shirt, black plimsolls, black shorts or leggings. **Please put your child's name on the PE Kit and also their uniform, especially when you buy any new items, this makes it much easier for lost items to be returned to their owners.**

Homework will be given out at the end of the week and should be returned on Monday. Any homework given out on sheets must be completed inside the homework exercise books, unless children are told otherwise.

This half term we already have two trips booked! On Monday 21st January we will be heading to Westminster to rehearse for our Year 4 choir. On Thursday 31st January we will be joining the Year 4s from St John's at the O2 in Greenwich to play golf again.

Attached is a curriculum map for this term and it is always great if you can get your child to discuss what they have been working on in class as this helps them consolidate their learning!

If you have any questions or queries, don't hesitate to come and talk.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hatcher and the Year 4 Class Team