



Year 4 Newsletter: 20.10.23



St Paul's Class: Mr Ocansey

St Therese's Class: Mrs McFeat

What a great start to a promising year! Well done all ...

Key dates and events:

Tuesday 14th November 2023: Year 4 trip to The British Museum. Many thanks to the parent volunteers, who have confirmed to come along with us.

Gentle Reminder

Please remind your child to bring in the instruments on the first day back, Monday, October 30.

Next Term's (Autumn 2 Week 1) Curriculum:

ENGLISH: After half term, we will be starting our new book *Ice Palace* by Robert Swindells.

Reading focus: Retrieval of key facts / exploring language

Writing focus: Descriptive writing

Grammar focus: Fronted adverbials, Noun phrases and Expanded Noun phrases

Spelling focus: Common Exception Words revision / adding prefixes. E.g. *-ir, -in, im* (immature, irregular, inaccurate).

MATHS: After half term, the children will be learning about symmetrical shapes, position and direction. Children would use knowledge of the properties of shapes and symmetry to plot position and direction of resultant shapes

SCIENCE TOPIC: *Could we cope without electricity for one day?*

Next term, the children will be using their knowledge of electricity, to make a board game involving a working circuit.

R.E TOPIC: Called

Next term, we will continue our topic on being called. The children will be learning about how biblical figures including the apostles were called by God.

P.E TOPIC: Gymnastics/Tag Rugby

Teacher-led Sessions: Gymnastics

Coach Sessions: Tag Rugby

HISTORY: What is the legacy of the Ancient Greeks?

We will be continuing our Ancient Greek topic, learning more about the gods, the role they played in Greek mythology and legacy of the Ancient Greeks.

Soundstart: Each week, the children will be learning to play their instrument within a group setting with a specialist music teacher from Soundstart. They will also learn how to hold, care for and pack away their instrument safely. **Please remind your child to bring in their instruments on the Monday, October 30, first day back**

FRENCH: This term, the children will be taught by Madame Severine alongside their class teacher. The focus will be on learning to speak about their favourite pets and animals they like/dislike. They will also learn how to say the days of the week and their birthday.

READING: Your child is able to change their book whenever they have finished reading it. Please make a note of the date, book title, pages read and comment briefly on how well they have read to you. You could note how fluent their reading was, if they are enjoying it and any words you have helped them read or understand. Your child should be reading at least 20 MINS PER DAY. You can make use of the local library for a range of books that may interest your child.

SPELLING: Please there is no spelling, however, as your child reads his/her book(s) over half term, he/she may spot words with the spelling pattern *-ir, -in, im* (e.g. immature, irregular, inaccurate).

MATHS: There will be no homework set over half term, however we would like the children to revise their times tables, continue reading for pleasure to extend learning. Please see the top marks website link below to support this.

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We hope you and the family have
a restful and lovely half term.

Here are some website links your child could explore over the half term:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0> (See text for login details)

<https://www.science-sparks.com/key-stage-2-science-experiments/>

