



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy



Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter

A warm welcome from the new Year 4 Team:
Mrs Pidgeon-Duncalf, Mr Price, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Waterworth

Our Curriculum:

Mathematics:

This term we are focusing on place value. Children consolidate their knowledge of addition and subtraction strategies and multiplication and division. This will be supplemented by work on the properties of 2D shapes and time. By the end of Year 4, it is an expectation that all children will know their multiplication tables to 12X12. Please can you practise times tables at home with your child.

English

English topics this term include stories about imaginary worlds such as Alice in Wonderland and Harry Potter. The focus will be on using a wider range of adjectives/adverbs and using a variety of punctuation to enhance their writing.

Please encourage your child to extend their sentences by using these. Later in the term, the children will write their own information booklets about volcanoes and earthquakes.

Science

Sound: Children learn about what sound is and the way that our ears work. The children will also be experimenting with how sound can be created using different materials and how this affects volume and pitch.

Teeth and Digestion: Children identify and describe the different types of teeth in humans and find out the functions of different human teeth. In addition, they learn about the digestive system and how food is digested once it is placed in the mouth.

Computing

Computing lessons will be held on Friday afternoons. The topics covered this term will be:

- Creating a snowflake using symmetry—Adobe Photoshop
- Coding principles using Logo .

RE

This term's units of study are:

- The significance of Prayer in our lives.
- Christmas – The symbol of light.

Topic

In Geography, children learn about why earthquakes and volcanoes occur around the world and how they affect human life.

Music

Children in Year 4 will take part in the Wider Opportunities Scheme, where every child plays an instrument.—the violin, viola or cello. They will have a 30 minute lesson every week. A letter will be sent home with more details.

Art

Children will use their own instruments as the starting point for drawing, collage, relief and 3D work. They will learn about Cubism in the work of Picasso.

Our Learning Challenges:

The children will be finding out about earthquakes and volcanoes and they will be creating a documentary about them



in class. We will also be investigating the human impact of earthquakes by having a go at designing an earthquake proof building!

Please talk to your children about our latest learning challenges set out below:

LC 1 What is the earth made from?

LC 2 Where in the world do volcanoes and earthquakes occur?

LC 3 Are all volcanoes dangerous?

LC 4 What is the human impact of earthquakes?

LC 5 How can we keep safe if there is an earthquake?

LC 6 Can you make an earthquake proof building?

Recommended Websites www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk/

Twitter Accounts to follow @St_Wilfrids_CE

Home Learning:

Reading

In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure. We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read and ensure books are in school daily. Reading diaries will be checked in school and we expect a minimum of three entries/comments a week. This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary. These books are intended as 'home' readers as the children read a separate text in their English lessons.

Spellings. A spelling list will be given to children every Monday. Children will be expected to learn these spellings throughout the week at home. They will have a spelling test on the following Monday.

English Homework. A piece of English homework will be given out every Monday and should be returned to school by the following Monday. This may be handed in before then.

Maths Homework. A piece of Maths homework will be given out every Friday and should be returned to school by the following Friday.

A message from the PTFA...

The PTFA would like to thank you for your continuous support and commitment. Last year was another successful year for the PTFA, with a wide range of events raising money to purchase new resources and support school themed events and Dance Festival, which all impact on the children's education. We would welcome any suggestions for future fundraising events.



Autumn Term 2017 Diary Dates:

w/c Monday 11th September
Monday 18th September
Friday 22nd September

Thursday 5th October
Tuesday 10th October
Friday 13th October
Monday 16th October

Tuesday 17th October
Thursday 19th October

Monday 30th October
w/c Monday 13th November
Friday 1st December
Thursday 7th December
TBC
Friday 8th December
Tuesday 19th December
Wednesday 20th December

Life Education Workshops for all classes
PTFA AGM 6.30pm
Harvest Festival
9.30am KS2 and 10.30am KS1
Parents' Evening 6.00—8.00pm
Parents' Evening 3.30—5.30pm
PTFA Family Night
Pearl of Africa Gospel Choir to perform to School (Fundraising Event)
School Photographs (Individual and Families)
School closes for Half Term

School opens for Autumn Term 2
Themed Week
Christmas Fair at 3.30pm (Non-Uniform Day)
Christingle Service at Church
PTFA Story Time with Santa
Christmas Disco for Y3, 4 and 5 children
Carol Service at Church KS1 9.30am and KS2 10.30am
School closes for Christmas



Month						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat

Additional Information:

Playground Equipment and Games: Children are not allowed to use any of the playground equipment (including the KS1 bridge) or bring in balls to play with before and after school. Also, children are not permitted to use bikes or scooters on the school grounds. This is for health and safety reasons.

PE: PE lessons will take place on Wednesdays. Children will be expected to wear PE kit, consisting of a sky blue T-shirt, navy or black shorts and a pair of black pumps. These should be kept in a draw string bag. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit on their PE days.

Swimming: During the Autumn Term, Year 4 will have swimming lessons on Tuesday as part of the PE Curriculum. Children will be expected to bring a towel, swimwear (costume or trunks/shorts), goggles (optional) and a swimming cap (long hair only). These should be kept in a drawstring bag and all items should be labelled.

Extra Curricular Activities: During the year, there will be a wide range of extra curricular activities for your child to attend. Letters will be sent out in the next couple of weeks with information about how you can access these clubs.

Reminders:

Attendance and Punctuality: Good attendance is crucial in your child's attendance. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please notify the office staff. School doors open at 8.50am. Registration commences at 8.55am and closes at 9.00am. Children arriving after 9.00am must report to the office before arriving at their classroom. Attendance certificates will be awarded for children with 100% attendance during the Autumn Term.

School Uniform: Please ensure that children wear the correct academy uniform and look smart. This includes black shoes. We strongly encourage you to have your child's name clearly marked or labelled in all items of clothing. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a warm coat. We encourage hair accessories, such as hair bands and bobbles, to be consistent with the colour of the uniform e.g. sky blue, navy, grey or black.

Water bottles: Children are encouraged to drink **water** during the day to keep them hydrated. They may bring in a water bottle (preferably clear) with their name labelled on it. They should take it home regularly to be washed. Children can refill bottles in school.

Snacks: Children may bring in a snack of either **toast** or a **piece of fruit** for morning playtime. Other items such as cakes, biscuits, crackers, sweets, cereal or fruit bars **are not permitted** at playtime.

Jewellery: For health and safety reasons, children **are not permitted** to wear any jewellery, including



Thank you for your support. We look forward to an exciting year!
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