

Dates for the diary:

September

11th Junior Welcome Afternoon (3pm – 4pm)
12th Whole School Mass
17th & 21st Sailing for Mrs Spurrier's class

October

1st Sailing for Mrs Spurrier's class
8th, 15th & 22nd Sailing for Miss Donnelly's class
15th & 16th Parents' Evening
28th Half Term week begins

December

10th & 11th Junior carol services this week
19th Christmas parties
20th End of Term

Please check Class Dojo for further upcoming dates.

Contacting us

Check out what we're up to on Class Dojo.
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

If you require an urgent response or need to notify us of any absence or changes to pick-ups etc. please contact the office directly, as we cannot always look at Dojo messages during the school day.

(The school admin staff will pass any urgent messages on to us directly.)



Homework information

Reading – it is really important for the children to be reading daily, and if possible to a parent or carer, even if they only have 10 minutes. This may be a book from school, home or the town library. In the children's Home School Record, please write the title of the book, record the pages they have read, and any comments if appropriate (e.g. words they needed help with or any vocabulary they needed explained). Some children can do this themselves now, but we'd still like an adult's signature.

Spelling – word lists will be posted via message on Class Dojo each Friday. We work on these daily during the week in spelling lessons, and the children will need to practise at home the spelling and meaning for their quiz the following Friday. Word lists are uploaded to the children's Spelling Shed accounts each Friday to help them practise at home.

Times Tables – these are a maths essential and an educational entitlement. Speed and fluency will support the children in their learning of mathematics. The children will have a different times table or division fact focus each week in their maths lessons, and homework matching this will be given out on Fridays, to be returned the following Friday. Table tests will also take place on Fridays. Regular practice is so important – we recommend at least 3 x per week, using online games (i.e. TT Rockstars) or non-digital method of your choice.

Topic – we are always pleased when the children do some independent research on the topics that we study.

Things to remember:

Daily	Home School Record and reading book Pencil case Lunchbox & water bottle
Mondays	Home School Record handed into class teacher
Tuesdays & Thursdays	PE kit to be worn to school School kit only please. Please make a note of dates that your child's class will be sailing (Y4 only).
Fridays	Informal spelling and times tables tests. Maths homework due in. Check Class Dojo & Spelling Shed for new weekly spelling lists.

Year 3/4 Termly Overview: Autumn Term 2024

Literacy



Reading

We will be practising reading fluency and comprehension through a selection of high-quality texts, including 'Stone Age Boy', 'Great Adventurers' and a range of extracts and poetry.

Handwriting

A daily focus on handwriting aims to support the children in their letter formation, writing fluency and stamina.

Grammar

This term we will be focusing on the key grammar concept of joining two simple sentences with a conjunction to form a compound sentence, as well as reinforcing some more familiar areas of grammar.

Composition

We will be applying these key grammar concepts in context through both fiction and non-fiction compositional writing based on our learning through science (healthy eating) and the texts we have studied.

Mathematics

Maths lessons focus on developing the children's abilities to reason mathematically by following a line of enquiry, solve problems by applying their mathematics to a variety of routine and non-routine problems and the ability to recall and apply mathematical knowledge rapidly and accurately.

The following topics will be covered this term:

- Place Value
- Addition & Subtraction
- Multiplication & Division
- Length & Perimeter (Y3)
- Area (Y4)



Music



This term in music the children will be learning how to create compositions in response to animations.

Y4 will also receive a series of trumpet lessons led by the Schools Music Service (Y3 next term).

Science

We will be beginning our science learning with a topic on **Rocks** followed by looking at some different aspects of the human body, including **Nutrition, Bones & Muscles, and Respiration & Lungs.**



HISTORY

We will be spending some time understanding the periodisation of history, before focusing in on the Stone Age and what the three different Stone Age periods were like.



GEOGRAPHY

In our Geography lessons we will be carrying out some fieldwork in our local area and recording physical and human features.



RE

This term we will be covering the topics:

- Creation
- Catholic Social Teaching
- Advent

Computing

Networks & The Internet



Children will learn to recognise what a network is, how information moves around a network and the role of the server. They will learn about the journey a website goes through to reach your computer.

Hive Hackers

We are lucky to have Pwc Hive Academy CI supporting us in school to run coding workshops for the children. More info to follow.

French

We will be learning some key vocabulary this term, starting with conversational phrases.

Art & Design Technology

We will be looking at some key art & design skills including sketching, cartoons and 3D pieces, before moving on to Prehistoric Art, fitting in nicely with our Stone Age work.



PSHE & RHE

We will be learning how we are created and loved by God through learning about the Sacraments.