

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM FEDERATION

Year 4 Summer I Newsletter 2023

Meet the Team







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Teaching





Welcome to Summer!

Welcome back to school and to the summer term, the final term of the year! We have a lovely half term planned to kick start our learning this half term. This is a very important term for the children - not only will the children be practising for their National Times table test, but we will also be consolidating work in Year 4 so that the children are ready for their transition into Year 5.

Topic Overview & Key Text



Through our text led topic, the children will start the term studying features of non-fiction texts in the form of newspaper reports. The first week will begin with an opportunity for the children to express themselves in Art work based on volcanoes and mixed media. Geography lessons will be based on Volcanoes and Earthquakes. Our Science unit this half term is all about solids and liquids.

Maths

This half term, children will continue to practise applying their knowledge of the four operations during morning maths and mental starters and we will focus on recognising and using decimals and money using the decimal notation.

Regular times table practise will continue to be a focus. It is an expectation that by May, all children know all of their times tables and have rapid recall of them in random order. Children must continue to practise daily at home.

Reading

Our reading themes this half term are volcanoes, survivors and natural disasters! These themes will be brought to life through our interactive reading lessons. During reading lessons children will learn a variety of skills enabling them to become successful and confident readers. Children will also build on their comprehension skills enabling them to successfully discuss and debate texts. Some of the texts that we will be studying are:













Homework

We will be using Seesaw, Diagnostics maths and Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) to set homework. Homework will be issued every Friday. Children will have a spelling test on Friday. In addition to this homework, all children should read daily at home. A comment in their reading diary is required from an adult at least three times a week to show they have read and had a discussion about their reading.

Year 4

In Year 4, all children will continue to attend swimming lessons. Year 4 will go swimming on Tuesdays. Children must have the correct swimming kit in school every Monday ready to go swimming on Tuesday. Earrings and any other jewellery is not allowed to be worn on swimming days. These items must be removed by parents/carers at home.

Writing

Through our text led approach, children will be taught to write a variety of genres. Children will gain an understanding of purpose for their writing, and the importance of considering the audience they are writing for. This half term, the focus will be to write a newspaper report based on a recent volcanic eruption.

Year 4 Date & Routines

Things I must remember:

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Bring your swimming kit to school ready for Tuesday.	Swimming	I have a times table test today.		I have a times table test today.
I have a spelling test today.				
I have a times table test today.				
I must check Seesaw to see what my homework is for this week.				

Year 4 School Entrance Point:

All Year 4 children should be dropped off in the morning between 8:40am -9:00am. Lessons start at 9am. A member of staff will always be present at the gate. Children will be greeted at their classroom door by their class teacher or the TA. Year 4 classroom doors face Clarence Road. We are situated in the separate block on the playground.

Year 4 School Exit Point:

All Year 4 children should be picked up in the afternoon at 3:15pm. Adults waiting to pick children up are asked to wait behind the metal railings outside the Year 4 classroom doors. Please try to socially distance as best as possible.