Autumn Term
Year 4 Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We hope you've had a relaxing summer break and that the children are now ready to start Year 4 with enthusiasm.

Religious Education	Creation and Covenant This term in Religious Education, Year 4 will be learning about **Abraham and his journey of faith**. We will explore the story of God calling Abram and learn about the journey he made with Sara. The children will learn about **God's covenant with Abraham** and what the word *covenant* means. We will explore how God kept His promise to Abraham and Sarah, including the birth of their son Isaac. The children will learn about Abraham and Isaac and consider the importance of **trust and faith in God**. We will also learn about Abraham's descendant Joseph and how his faith, hope and love helped him through challenging times. Throughout the unit, we will explore the Christian virtues of **faith, hope and love**, and how these can help us to be good neighbours and make a difference in our communities. Finally, the children will reflect on what Abraham's life and example can teach us today and how we can put faith, hope and love into action
English	At the beginning of this term, we will be developing handwriting across the year group, making sure all letter formations are correct and neatly joining these letters in our writing. Following on from this, children will develop a greater knowledge of different types of nouns, verbs, subjects and sentence structures. This will help children when it comes to writing their pieces of extended writing when they have a greater understanding of sentences and their differing structures.
Maths	In the children's lessons, they will focus on partitioning and counting; multiplication tables and division facts; Roman Numerals; negative numbers and rounding. In their main Maths lessons, the children will develop their knowledge of addition and subtraction, using both mental and written methods to aid them. They will also use inverses to check their accuracy. From there, they will move on to multiplying and dividing mentally, using written methods and using their multiplying and division skills to solve problems. They will do a unit on Measurement, where they will look at mass, capacity and length. The children will work with money by finding totals of amounts and calculating change. The children will also work on fractions. This will include recognising, finding, writing, naming and counting fractions; learning about equivalent fractions; comparing and ordering fractions; fractions and decimals equivalence; rounding decimals; compare and order decimals; fractions, decimals, percentages equivalence and solving problems.
Science	Animals Including Humans – the children will look at the different life processes of living things and study the process of digesting food. Living Things and the Habitats – the children will look at the environment around them and how living things survive in their own habitats.
Humanities	Geography is my region and n region in Italy. In this unit, children will learn about the world and how it is represented on maps. Children will discover the different countries and capital cities of Europe as well as recapping the countries and cities of the UK.

	Children will specifically focus on Italy and will learn the key human and physical features of the country before focusing on the region of Campania. Children will learn about plate tectonics, earthquakes and volcanoes and will complete two Campania case studies. Children will then use their knowledge to compare their own region in England with Campania and establish similarities and differences between the two.
Computing	This half term the children will have E-Safety sessions where they will learn about some of the consequences of using devices for longer periods of time. Children will develop their knowledge and understanding of computing, communicating and presentation. Children shall also use computing to collect, record and present data.
Physical Education	Mrs Chernenko will work Fundamental Movement Skills where the children will cover skills such as agility, balance and coordination, whilst also applying these skills into sports.
Art	Sculpture with clay. In this sculpture unit using clay, children will build on their knowledge and skills of sculpture and clay that they have studied through their previous work. Children will learn from great artists and begin to evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art. Children will produce their own creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences. They will begin to develop proficiency in sculpture techniques.
Design Technology	Chocolate that cares children will learn about Fairtrade and sustainability in this unit, focusing on the journey of chocolate from bean to bar. They will explore flavours and textures by pairing Fairtrade chocolate with fruits, nuts, and spices and use this exploration to create their own chocolate product designs. They will learn about the environmental impact of cocoa farming and ethical production practices. They will develop their ability to evaluate their culinary creations and reflect on how their choices affect people and the planet. They will become more confident in making informed, creative, and ethical food preparation and design decisions
Music	In Year 4, children will be singing traditional hymns and songs with MrTilling. Leading up to Christmas the children will be learning carols for our Carol service in December.
French	In French the children will learn about a variety of things such as the weather, the classroom and pets.
PSHCE	Through drama and role play we will discuss our weekly 'Virtues to live by' and how these impact upon our thoughts and feelings, actions, choices and responsibilities. Children will also have the opportunity to reflect upon how we can use these 'Virtues to Live By' as a way to 'live out' God's teachings to become 'better' stewards of His creation, for ourselves and others.

Class Information

Homework

We will be putting homework on Google Classroom, and this will be posted on a Friday and will need to be completed by the following Thursday evening. Also, children must be accessing their other online accounts each week at home – Reading Plus, Times Tables Rock Stars and Morphs (our new spelling programme) - should children need login details for these please let the Mrs Chernenko or Mrs Patrick know .Google classroom homework will commence on the 18th September

PE Kits

P.E. kits consist of a white t shirt or polo shirt and navy-blue shorts. Blue jogging bottoms or leggings and jumpers are permitted for colder weather as P.E. will take place outdoors whenever possible. Children should remove any earrings before PE lessons, and if possible for these to be taken out before coming to school on PE days. Children should wear their P.E. kits to school and remain in them all day on the days they have P.E. For Year 4 this is **Tuesday & Wednesdays.**

Please be mindful that children should not bring things into school from home, such as pencil cases small toys or key rings on book bags.

Important dates for the school year will be sent out as the term progresses and made available through the school newsletter. We really look forward to another successful term and once again thank you in advance for your continued support and encouragement you will give to your child during their first term of our academic year. We hope that you find this letter helpful when talking to your child about his/her work and we will be only too pleased to answer any queries arising from this.

Kind regards.

Mrs Chernenko and Mrs Patrick