St. Paul's C of E VA Primary and Nursery School

Walk On Water

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With God all things are possible

Year 4

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Autumn Term 1st half 2026

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you had a lovely summer. We have a busy and exciting half term planned! The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed about the curriculum we will be covering this half-term so that you can support the work that we do in class.

ENGLISH

In the Autumn term, we will focus on ensuring our writing has the key features needed: correct punctuation, perfect presentation, ambitious vocabulary and accurate spelling of key words. We will be writing narratives based on texts linked to our History topic, Terrible Tudors.

READING

Our whole class reader for the Autumn term is 'Treason' by Berlie Doherty which is a historical novel, set in Tudor England. Through the eyes of the main character, a page to Prince Edward, the children will learn about Henry VIII's court. This exciting story is a great way to launch our Tudor topic, introducing children to new vocabulary, ideas and themes.

Please make sure that children are reading at home three times per week and that this is recorded in their link books and signed by a parent. Children will need to stay in on Friday for additional reading if they have not read three times in a week.



SPELLING

The children will be tested on Monday and receive their new spellings. They will learn rules such as adding suffixes and prefixes and learn words from the Year 3 and 4 statutory spelling list. Please make sure children practise their spellings at home in preparation for Monday's test.

SCIENCE

This half term our topic is called States of Matter. We will investigate different states of matter and what conditions cause them to change. For example, how a solid changes into a liquid and if heated further, a gas. We will also be linking this to the water cycle.





HISTORY

This half term, our topic will take us back to the fascinating world of the Tudors. We will begin by exploring how the Tudor dynasty came to power following the Battle of Bosworth and then discover more about the six monarchs who ruled during this period.

Our main focus will be Henry VIII, including his six wives, his dramatic reign, and the significant changes that took place in Britain during this time. We will then move on to Elizabeth I, exploring her reign and the events that brought the Tudor dynasty to an end. Throughout the topic, we will uncover the key events, people and changes that shaped Tudor Britain.

ART

In our art lessons, we will be focusing on Hans Holbein and famous pieces he created such as 'The Ambassadors'. We will also explore Tudor portraits before having a go at painting some of our own.

MATHEMATICS

In Maths this term, pupils will develop their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and measurement. Learning will build progressively in small steps through practical problem-solving, fluency and reasoning, helping pupils to apply their mathematical knowledge with confidence.

In June next year, there is a statutory Multiplication Times Table check for Year 4. We will practise regularly in class, but practising at home, especially using Times Tables Rock Stars, will help improve speed and recall.

RE

In RE we will be learning about Christianity and answering the question: What is it like to follow God?

MESSAGES

PE lessons with Mr Chivers will be on Wednesday afternoons.

Please see the letter about the trip to Hampton Court Palace later in the half term.

If any parents / grandparents are able to join us for our farm trip later in the term, please let me know via the link book

Take a look at the knowledge organisers on the Year 4 class page for more information about the topics and key knowledge your child will be learning in each subject throughout the half term.

OTHER SUBJECTS

PE – Hockey outdoors with Mr Chivers on Wednesday afternoon and Friday afternoon.

PSHE – Me & My Relationships

SPANISH – Vegetables

COMPUTING – Effective Searching, Unpacking Hardware and Software

KEY DATES FOR YEAR 4

- 8/9/26—Church service (September birthdays)
- 6/10/26—Farm visit at 1.10pm
- 6/10/26—Church service (October birthdays)
- 9/10/26—Hampton Court Palace trip
- 20/10/26—Parents' Evening
- 21/10/26—Parents' Evening