

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

September 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday. I really enjoyed meeting you children on transfer day in July, and I am very excited to be teaching them in Year 4. I look forward to meeting you all over the course of the term, but please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have any worries or questions.

Our topic for the Autumn term is 'Chocolate'. Please read the attached Topic Web for further details about this topic.

MATHS

In Maths this term, your child will revisit place value to consolidate previous learning and then move on to apply this to solving complex problems involving the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. As well as this, they will investigate shape and angles as well as begin to develop their statistical knowledge. At home we would appreciate you working on recalling times tables facts (they are expected to know all multiplication tables up to 12 by the end of Year 4) as well as recapping analogue time at any given opportunity.

ENGLISH

Your child will start the year focussing on sentence structure and word classes, developing their writing to include adverbs in different forms, prepositions and openers and conjunctions. We will look at narrative fiction, focussing on extracts from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as well as rewriting their own stories in the style of Roald Dahl later in the term. In addition to this we will look at fables and play scripts. We will perform and write poems based on the topic of 'Chocolate' and your child will develop their informative writing in the run up to Christmas, writing an explanation of their own chocolate making invention.

RE

This term we will start by looking at communities that we belong to with a focus on being members of God's family and the role that we play in this community. We will discuss baptism and how this is the way that we are welcomed into God's family and the messages that we are taught through being part of God's family. Finally in the run up to Christmas we will be looking at Advent, discussing its importance and learning about Advent traditions and symbols.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be set on a Wednesday and is to be handed in by Monday of the following week. The homework will consist of a Maths and English task that will consolidate work covered in class. Homework will be sent home from the 14th September.

Please encourage your child to read at home each night and where possible find opportunities to share books or discuss books that you are reading together. Please also ensure your child practise their times tables.

P.E - GAMES AND GYMNASTICS

PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please make sure your child has an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school all week. Swimming will take place every Wednesday afternoon until the Christmas Holidays.

UNIFORM

Please ensure that all of your child's uniform is labelled clearly to aid in a speedy return of any lost items. Just a reminder that your child should have indoor shoes in School.

GOLDEN TIME

Golden Time reinforces the positive reward systems we have in place at St Mary's. It has continued to be very successful this year, with the children thoroughly enjoying the range of activities available for them to choose from each week. If you have any ideas for Golden Time activities, which you would like to lead with a group in school, then please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss it further.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 8th September-11am Whole School Mass: Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 14th September-9.30am LKS2 Mass at Immaculate Conception Church

Wednesday 14th September-6pm Year Three Parents Transition Meeting

Friday 23rd September-7pm Fr John's Silver Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving at Immaculate Conception Church

Friday 30th September-7pm PTFA Light Music Evening and LKS2 trip to Cadbury World

Monday 10th October-7pm Sacramental Enrolment Meeting at JP II Centre

Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th October- 3.30-6.00 Parents Evenings

Tuesday 1st November-9.30am Whole School Mass at Immaculate Conception Church

Friday 4th November-9.10am Year 4 RR Class Assembly

Thursday 8th December-9.30am Whole School Mass at Immaculate Conception Church

Best Wishes,
Mrs Rance