

September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday. I really enjoyed meeting your 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 will need to reinforce their knowledge of the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 times tables as well as learning the 7, 8, and 9 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 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 12th 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 practises their times tables.

P.E – Swimming and Games

Swimming will take place on a Monday and outdoor PE will take place on a Tuesday. Please make sure your child has the appropriate kit on these days.

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

Wednesday 12th September- Transition Meeting for Year 3 parents 6pm

Wednesday 12th September- Whole School Mass in the hall 9:30

Sunday 23rd September- 11am International Mass @ Immaculate Conception

Wednesday 10th October- LKS2 Mass, 9:30am @ Immaculate Conception

Thursday 11th October- LKS2 Trip to Cadbury's World

Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th October- Parent's Evening 3:30-6pm

Friday 19th October- Break up for October half term

Thursday 1st November- All Saint's Day Whole School Mass 9:30am @Immaculate Conception

Friday 9th November – Year 4 class assembly

Wednesday 5th December- Whole School Mass @ Immaculate Conception 9:30am

Friday 21st December- Last day of term

Best Wishes,
Mrs Clark