



St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

Journeying Together in Faith



Y4 CLASS LETTER Summer 2017

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a relaxing Easter break, enjoying the sunshine and are all ready for another exciting term ahead!

Things your child will be learning in the next few weeks

Over the next half term, we are going to be reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and our writing will focus on writing newspaper reports and recounts. Throughout this unit of work, we will also be doing some DT learning so if you have any boxes that you no longer need, we would be grateful if you could donate these by Friday 28th April.

In Maths, our main focuses this term include number patterns and sequences. We will be focusing on our timetable and division facts to help us find rules to number sequences. As part of this learning, we shall also be looking at solving puzzles using algebra. In addition, we will also be continuing to strengthen our knowledge, skills and understanding of place value and calculations.

In other areas of the curriculum, we will be learning about electricity, weather and climate and through this work we will be exploring how we can use the weather to generate electricity.

In the wider curriculum, we will be focusing on developing learning skills and using our school learning powers to help us to continue to learning and raising our aspiration. It is important that we focus on what it means to be a successful learner, and our PSHE curriculum will support this.

In PE, we will be having East Coast Community sports coaches delivering some lessons along with FA football coaching.

In RE, as we lead up to Pentecost, we will be exploring life after the resurrection of Jesus from the perspectives of the Apostles and using the learning from these stories in the bible to support us in our own lives and journey in faith.

Things you could explore at home to help your child's learning

Takeaway homework – This half term, our takeaway homework will be focussing on our wider curriculum topics of weather, climate and electricity and making links with our maths and English learning.

Maths: Times tables - This term, we will be focusing on becoming quicker and more confident with our times table facts (please see the takeaway menu for more information). Please encourage and practise these with your children. When they feel confident, we will be encouraging children to come and be quizzed by me or Mrs Gooch so that they can earn a star for our chart and a certificate!

Spellings – Aside from our weekly spelling focuses, which will be sent home at the beginning of each week, we will also be revising and exploring key vocabulary for year 3 and 4. Each week, we will focus on 5 key words, which will also be sent home. Please encourage your children to actively use these words to try and learn them as part of their vocabulary.

Reading and library– Your child has already received a new reading book. Reading books need to be changed when the children have finished reading them, which will

	<p>be recorded in their diaries. It is their responsibility to keep up to date with this.</p> <p>Our library will be undergoing some very exciting changes over this half term, which means that we will need to keep our library books in school, temporarily, so your child will not be taking a library book home in the coming weeks. If you currently have any library books at home, we would ask that you return these by the 28th April or as soon as possible.</p>
Things happening in school that you can get involved with	<p>Our Masses this term are on the following dates and will start at 10:00: 28/04/17 (Whole school Mass with Bishop Alan) 12/05/17 (Y4 class Mass) 16/06/17 (Whole school Mass) 29/06/17 (Whole school Mass) 07/07/17 (Y3 and 4 Mass – to be confirmed) 21/07/17 (Whole school Mass)</p> <p>Trips – Over the next term, we will be planning on going on a couple of trips related to our science and RE learning. More information will follow.</p>
Please take note of these points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fridays: Starting from this Friday (21/04/17) Year 4 will be taught by Mrs Oxborough. Please do continue to share any messages you may have regarding your child via their school diary. • PE kit needs to come in to school on Monday mornings. It will stay at school all week and then go home with your child on Friday. This is because we don't always have PE lessons on the same day or time each week and try to do as much physical learning as we can. • Children will be doing some of their PE lessons outside. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit for the weather (e.g. jogging bottoms, hat, sweatshirt, sturdy trainers etc...).
How you can get in contact with us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please write a note in your child's school diary in the first instance. We will respond back either in the school diary or through a phone call to update you. Appointments to meet with teachers need to be made in this way. • The start and end of each school day are always very busy and it is not usually possible for teachers to meet with parents at these times without making an appointment. • If it is an urgent issue, please call the school office. • Alternatively, if your message isn't urgent please contact the school office via email or telephone (<i>details below</i>).
<p>If you have any questions or queries, then please don't hesitate to get in touch. I look forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Many thanks for your support</p>	
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