



St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

Journeying Together in Faith



Y4 CLASS LETTER Autumn 1

Welcome back! We very much hope that you've had an enjoyable Summer break and that your children are excited to come back to school and learn.

Things your child will be learning in the next few weeks

Over the next half term, we are going to be looking at a variety of poetry. Our class text is 'Werewolf Club Rules' by Joseph Coelho. We are aiming to create a class poetry anthology and are looking forward to using information taught in our Music lessons to help us perform our poems. We would like the children to become familiar with as many styles of poetry as possible so if you have any poetry books at home, please share them.

In Maths, our main focuses this term are place value and estimating sensible answers to Maths questions. We will also be learning about negative numbers and be placing decimals with up to two decimal places on a number line.

In other areas of the curriculum, we will be learning about states of matter and sound. We are also going to be developing our typing skills in Computing and will be playing a variety of team games in PE.

In RE, we will be looking at various Bible stories and thinking about people special to Jesus and people special to ourselves. We will be thinking about what makes us special and painting portraits of special people to display in our RE area.

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

Takeaway homework – Takeaway homework for this half term has been sent home today. We hope your child continues to enjoy choosing their homework activities and sharing their learning with you. Please continue to send homework back for our Homework Gallery display area. An electronic copy is available on the website in case leaflets are misplaced and there are spares in the classroom.

Maths: Times tables – We have brought our times table star chart with us up to Year 4. Each week the children in Year 4 can earn stars for their fluency in the 3, 4 and 8 times tables and their related division facts. It is important that your child can recall these times tables in any order. We will switch our focus to the 6 and 12 times tables after Christmas.

Reading and library – Ideally your child should be reading at least three times a week at home. This does not always have to be their school issued reading book, although these books are designed to practice any Phonics your child may be struggling with. We have recently replaced Show and Tell sessions with Book Club, so the children can share stories and other books which they have enjoyed reading at home and recommend them to their friends. Please record any additional reading your child does in their contact book, regardless of whether it is a school book or not.

Things happening in school that you can get involved with

Our Masses this half term are on the following dates and will start at **10:00**:

29/09/17 – Year 4 Class Mass

06/10/17 - Whole school Harvest Mass

<p>Please take note of these points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 named PE kit for the weather (e.g. jogging bottoms, hat, sweatshirt, sturdy trainers etc...)
<p>How you can get in contact with us</p>	<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.</p>	
<p>Many thanks for your support</p>	
<p>Miss A Nobes</p>	<p>Y4 Class Teacher</p>