

Our Lady and St Patrick's RC Primary School
Autumn 1 Curriculum Newsletter



Class 4 - Saturn Class
Autumn 1 2026



Teacher's Message

Hello to all of the parents and carers to the children in Class 4! I hope you all have had a fabulous summer holiday.

Please read on to find out about all the new and exciting learning we will be immersing ourselves over this half term.



Homework

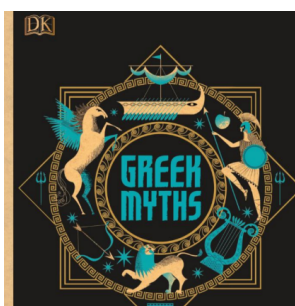
Homework is an important part of children's development. It helps them take responsibility for their learning and supports them in practising and remembering key skills taught in school.

Homework will be handed out every **Friday**. It will focus on **spelling, punctuation, and handwriting**, giving the children regular opportunities to strengthen these essential skills.

Daily reading is also vital. Reading their book at home is essential to ensure they make steady progress throughout the year. Even 10–15 minutes each day makes a significant difference to their confidence and fluency.



English



This term, the children will create their own mini-book inspired by the Odyssey, using *Greek Myths* as their stimulus. They will practise key writing skills such as accurate punctuation, using subordination and co-ordination to extend sentences, keeping tenses consistent, and adding detail with noun phrases, prepositions, and time, place and cause conjunctions.

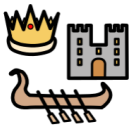
By the end of the unit, each child will have produced a short adventure story showing their growing confidence as writers.

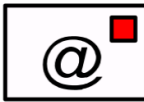


Reading

We will be focusing on the book *A World of Animal Stories*. This term, the children will be developing key reading-comprehension skills. They will be practising how to ask questions to deepen their understanding of a text and how to draw inferences by thinking about a character's feelings, thoughts and motives, using evidence from what they have read.

These skills help children become thoughtful, reflective readers who can explain and justify their ideas with confidence.

	Maths	In the first term for maths, the children will be looking closely at place value. We will be securing our understanding of knowing the value of three and four-digit numbers as well as rounding to the nearest 10 and 100. We will also be looking to apply our knowledge to using our addition and subtractions using the column method.
	RE	Creation and Covenant – This half term, the children will be learning about the importance of <i>Abraham</i> . The class will explore how Abraham's faith was significant, and they will be able to <i>understand, discern, and respond</i> to the lessons from his story.
	Science	In Science this term, the children will be learning about a range of concepts within our <i>Animals Including Humans</i> topic. They will explore how the digestive system works, learn about food chains, and investigate the different types of teeth and how to look after them through good teeth hygiene.
	History	This term in History, the class will be focusing on Ancient Greece. We will begin by exploring early Greek civilisation and investigating what different archaeological excavations can tell us about life at that time. The children will also compare the two city-states of Athens and Sparta, looking closely at how their lifestyles and values differed. Later in the unit, we will learn about Alexander the Great and his impact on the ancient world.
	Geography	Not a lead subject this term.
	Art	This half term, the children will be working with clay to design and make their own Greek-inspired pots. They'll explore traditional shapes and patterns, then use these ideas to create and decorate a unique piece of pottery to bring home.
	Design Technology	Not a lead subject for this term.
	RSHE	Within RSHE and PSHE, the children will be following the 'Life to the Full' programme. The unit of learning will be teaching the children about the Gospel story of Jesus with how we should be looking after one another with how we can do that inside and outside of school. In addition, pupils will also be learning about the importance of looking after our bodies with regards to our health. Pupils will be designing healthy diets as well as identifying routines which we can benefit from when looking after ourselves.
	PE	In PE, the children will be learning different skills about how to pass, score and defend in netball. The children will also be learning the required skills in tag rugby, participating in different drills and games as a class. On Fridays, Premier Sport will be taking the children to practise and take part in a range of different invasion games to promote competition and keep children physically active.

		PE will be taken on a Wednesday and Friday each week. *Please ensure your child brings in their PE kit on these days and it is clearly labelled with their first name and surname.
	Music	Not a lead subject this term.
	MFL (Y3+)	Not a lead subject this term.
	Computing	For computing, the children will be learning about online safety. Pupils will be taught one lesson a term by me to help them understand the importance of online safety and hope this can be practiced regularly. On a Friday, Mr Hopkins will be teaching the children how to create their own website. The children will carefully design their own website for an audience of their choice.
	Teacher contact:	<i>Please come and see me if you have any worries or concerns. If this isn't possible then please contact me through Class Dojo.</i> <i>Please note that teachers are teaching from 8.30am - 3.15pm. If your contact is urgent please contact the school office office@olsp.uk during the school day.</i> <i>There is no requirement for a teacher to reply to an email or class dojo message received after 6pm or at the weekend.</i>