

Westminster Cathedral Catholic Primary School

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Year 4 Newsletter

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'Love one another as I have loved you'



Our Learning this term

English:

- Iron Man

Maths:

- Multiplication and Division
- Statistics - graphs
- Fractions, decimals and percentages
- Measurement - Time

RE:

- Community
- Giving and receiving
- Self discipline

Science

- Benjamin Franklin project
- States of matter

Topic

- Volcanoes and Earthquakes

PE

- Gymnastics
- Tag rugby

ICT

- Programming, gaming and modelling
- E-safety

Spanish

- Cuentame un cuento (Tell me a story)
- La vida deportiva (Sporting life)

Important announcement

Swimming for year 4 will start on **Monday 29th January**. This has been delayed due to repair works at Queen Mothers Swimming will be every **Monday morning**.
Girls - Plain red swimming costume and swimming cap.
Boys - Plain navy blue swimming trunks.

I need one parent volunteer to help with swimming weekly. Please see me if you could potentially help.

Dear parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a restful break. The children have returned back refreshed and ready for another term of new learning.

Here are some autumn highlights...



Please remember to read the weekly newsletter on the school website to find out about other exciting activities.

Reminders this term:

Homework

- Out -Tuesday
- In - Monday

Reading

- Reading records - Must be signed every night
- A short summary to be written every night.

Physical Exercise

- PE - Wednesday
- Swimming - Monday

PE Kit

- In on MONDAY, home on FRIDAY
- Black Plimsolls for indoor PE.
- Trainers may be worn for outdoor activities only.
- Navy Blue Shorts and White T-shirt.

During the winter months and if PE is outside, then children are to wear navy blue track suit bottoms and their school jumper. No hooded sweatshirts.

School uniform

Boys - Grey Trousers
V-Neck Grey Jumper (no zips)
White Shirts
School Tie
Short Grey Socks
Black Blazer (optional)
Black/Grey/Navy Blue/Red Coats

Girls - Dark Grey Tunics (Infants, early Juniors)
Dark Grey Skirt (Older Juniors)
V-Neck Grey Jumper/Cardigan
White Shirts (no blouses or V necks)
School Tie
White Socks or Plain Red or Plain Grey Tights
Black Blazer (optional)
Black/Grey/Navy Blue/Red Coats
Sensible Black Shoes -preferably lace-up or bars.

Important change

Every night children will now be expected to write summaries after reading. This was something that was discussed at "meet the teacher". I feel that the children have now had one whole term to settle and adapt to all the new changes and therefore will be ready for this.

Children need to develop the skill of summarising, a target they will need to achieve by the end of year 4.

Summarising is short and brief. They should not be regurgitating the text, but instead picking important new information that they have read that night.

Important announcement

On Friday 12th January year 4 will begin an art making project that aims to boost confidence and self esteem. It is also an opportunity for children to find creative ways of working together. The project will last for 4 weeks and will take place in the afternoon. This will be led by Amanda Dudley from the St. Vincent's family project.

Please see either myself or Mrs Hughes if you would like more information.

In order to make this project successful we need recyclable materials - Please can children begin to collect this at home and bring them in.

Clubs available for Year 4

Monday Choir Years 4-6

Monday Football Year 4-6

Thursday Orchestra Year 4-6

Thursday Musical Theatre Year 4-6

Friday Homework Club Year 3-6

Friday Portuguese Lessons

Some things to work on at home

Many parents ask me how they can help and support their child at home.

One term into the academic year and some common gaps have been identified in their knowledge. This information is also extremely valuable if you have a private tutor.

How to support in maths....

- Counting in multiples of 6,7,9 and 25.
- Round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.
- Subtraction - Especially when many zeros are involved e.g. 1000 - 589

How to support in reading....

- Making inferences on characters feelings, thoughts and motives (E.g. Why do you think they did they? How do you think they feel?)
- Using a dictionary to find the meaning of words they have read
- Reading aloud with confidence, intonation and clarity.

How to support in writing....

- Accurate and consistent joined handwriting. Ascenders and descenders should be noticeable.
- Always use capital letters and full stops correctly. A sentence should only have ONE idea.
- Writing extended sentences using coordinating (and, but, or) and subordinating conjunctions (because, when. So that, if, after, while etc.)

Please feel free to come and see me for more individual targets to work on.

Key Dates for Year 4 Spring Term

Friday 12th January: Portuguese lessons parent session

Monday 15th January: After school clubs

Wednesday 17th January: 9.30am Welcome home Mass with Father Pat in school

Friday 26th January: School Disco (KS2 4.30pm— 6.00pm)

Thursday 1st February: Year 4 class assembly

Monday 5th February: Year 4 Library

Tuesday 6th February: Internet safety day

Monday 29th January: Coram Life Bus

Monday 29th January: Young Voices Concert at the O2 for senior choir

Monday 29th January: Swimming start

Monday 19th February: Individual and sibling photographs

Wednesday 21st February: Bling my bike

Friday 26th February: Chorister workshop at Westminster hall. (10:45-12pm)

Thursday 1st March: World book day

Tuesday 6th March: Year 4 football tournament

Wednesday 19th March: Chorister Easter performance at Westminster hall (2-3:00pm)

Thursday 20th March: Parents evening

Thursday 22nd March: Parents evening

Friday 23rd March: Red nose day

Tuesday 27th March: Year 3 and 4 Last Supper Liturgy

Wednesday 28th March: Easter bonnet parade

