



Welcome to Year 4



4 St John Bosco's Class
Class Teacher : Mrs Borsuk



4 St Clare's Class
Class Teacher: Miss Smith



4 St Peter's Class
Class Teacher: Mrs Snook-Hall
Mrs Smith

Main objectives for your children for this year

- ⇒ To develop ownership of their learning by drafting, editing and peer-assessing their work independently.
- ⇒ To develop high expectations of their work and behaviour.
- ⇒ To develop their reading and writing skills by exploring a wide range of texts and build on their knowledge of the four operations.

Timings of the day:

In the mornings the children will enter the school building via the KS2 playground between 8.40am-8.55am. If your child needs to be left earlier, we run a breakfast club. Please contact the school office for details.

In the afternoon, your children are brought to the KS2 playground to be collected at 3.15pm. We will not dismiss your child until we see you, or someone you have authorised to collect your child. Please notify us if anyone other than you is collecting your child. If you are running late, children should be collected from the school office.

Maths and English

Children in year 4 have Maths and English every morning. Maths is taught in a whole-class environment, where pupils' differing needs are catered for through differentiated activities and effective questioning from the class teacher. Lessons will focus on the pupils' fluency in maths (rapid and accurate recall of number facts) as well as providing them with the opportunity to build a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts by developing their skills in reasoning and problem-solving.

Reading

Children are taught guided reading as a class, working with the class teacher. At home, please encourage your children to read regularly. All children will have the opportunity to choose books from the library with the support of the class LSA once per week, on an allocated day. These books will be for children to read when we have quiet reading time in class.

Homework

Our aim is to ensure that our school homework provides opportunities for the children to practise key skills and consolidate their learning as well as provide teachers the time to plan and deliver first class lessons every day.

Homework will be split into two categories; Formal Homework and Informal Homework.

1) Formal Homework will come into school on the designated days as specified by the class teacher. The children will be provided with a homework booklet once every half-term. The booklet will contain:

- Maths topics
- Weekly Spelling lists
- Brain Builders Homework.

Pupils will be tested on their spellings weekly and the booklet will support them with their learning of the spellings. The spelling booklet does not need to come into school and we encourage our parents to check their child's spellings at home. Brain Builders project work will be marked by the class teacher. Children will be allocated Maths homework on MyMaths and this will be linked to the units of work being taught in class.

2) Informal Homework is optional homework and does not need to come into school as this will be completed at home. This may include reading on Bug Club, Spelling shed activities and quizzes as well as Times-tables Rockstars and Purple Mash.

For further details about our homework procedures, please look at the homework policy which is available on the school website.

Pencil Cases

It is always very exciting to bring a pencil case into school; however, these can often become a distraction during learning times. In Year 4, children are not required to bring a pencil case to school. Any equipment for lessons will be provided by the class teacher.

Water Bottles

It is very important that the children drink regularly during the day. Please provide your child with a named clear sport's style water bottle (no screw caps) containing only water. We have drinking water facilities in every classroom to allow your child to refill their bottles.

PE Kits

There are two PE lessons during the week; one inside and the other outside. There may be occasions during the year where only one PE lesson is taught during the week. We operate a flexible class timetable at Our Lady of Peace. If your child is in school, they will be expected to participate in games lessons unless a suitable reason is provided by parents. Children can wear their PE kit to school on the allocated day/s. Our P.E. kit consists of a plain white t-shirt and black shorts and

trainers. Sometimes pupils require tracksuit bottoms for colder weather. These must be black. Please note PE for Year 4 pupils will take place on the following days:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Class</u>
Tuesday & Friday	4OS
Monday & Friday	4KS/BSH
Tuesday & Friday	4MB

Uniform

Make sure everything is named, we prefer no earrings, but if they are worn, they should be silver or gold studs. Children are not allowed to wear earrings for PE, so they must be able to remove them without any adult help. Hair accessories should be simple and in school colours and children are expected to tie long hair back with a plain, school coloured hair tie. During hot weather, please provide your child with a sun hat.

Smart Watches

Pupils are not permitted to wear Smart Watches or other similar style watches for safeguarding reasons. These are not suitable for wearing in school for a number of reasons. Many of these watches have internet connection which if used within school could pose a safeguarding risk. They are also costly items, which could easily be damaged or go missing and can be a distraction in class. Children may wear a simple analogue or digital watch to enable them to tell the time.

What your children will be learning:

	Key Topic Title/Question
Advent Term (Autumn Term)	<p>All about Maya The children will explore the Maya civilisation. They will learn about the various Maya Gods, food and their Ancient cities, as well as the unusual number system.</p> <p>Anglo-Saxons The children will learn about the Anglo-Saxons. They will explore who the Anglo-Saxons were, why they came to Britain and some different Anglo-Saxon Gods.</p>
Lenten Term (Spring Term)	<p>The Vikings This term the children will learn about The Vikings. They will learn about who The Vikings were, how and why they invaded, and some important Viking Kings.</p> <p>Iceland The children will focus on Iceland, exploring the climate and features of Iceland as well as the animals and daily life for the people in Iceland.</p>
Pentecost Term (Summer Term)	<p>Maps The children will learn about maps, focussing on how to use maps, important symbols on maps, compass points and grid references.</p> <p>The Rainforest This topic the children will learn about Rainforests. They will learn about the impact of the rainforest on the world and the impacts of deforestation. They will explore the geographical locations of rainforests and research what animals and plants you will find there.</p>

Contacting us

- Send a note in with your child
- Give the office a call and we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible, but please bear in mind we are in class most of the day, so it will be either at lunchtime or after the school day.
- Sending an email to year4@olopprimary.co.uk
- Please give us a few dates/times when it is convenient to meet and we will arrange a time with you as soon as possible.