



# Hand in hand with Jesus Christ, we live, love and learn together

## Year 4 Spring Newsletter 2024

### Dates for your diary

4th January- Return to school

12th January- Talent Show auditions

23rd January- Year 4 Museum Visit

19th January- Talent Show

2nd February- International Map Day

9th February- INSET DAY

19th February- First day back

5th and 7th March - Parents' Consultations

7th March- World Book Day

25th March- Entry into Jerusalem

4C- 9:30am

4R- 2:45pm

28th March - Last day

EASTER HOLIDAYS

15th April- Back to school

Dear children and parents,

This term we will be travelling back in time to live among the Ancient Egyptian civilisation in our very own SEC time machine. Whilst there, we will be exploring what life was like for the rich and the poor, learning about their rituals and beliefs and their impressive history.

In the second part of the term, we shall be focusing on the pharaohs and archaeologists, who have discovered their secrets, including the famous Howard Carter.

Many thanks,

Mrs Richmond & Miss Ciach

### **RE**

Our RE topics this term are Community, Giving and Receiving and Self Discipline.

During our 'Community' topic, we will be learning about the different roles within the parish community. We will also look at how the parish and its followers still gather as Jesus told us to.

In our 'Giving and Receiving' topic, we will be understanding the introductory rite, the communion rite and the concluding rite in the mass. The children will develop their understanding of the Eucharist and how it challenges and enables living and growing in communion. We will also be remembering the importance of giving and receiving everyday.

During our final topic, we will be understanding the importance of self discipline during the period of preparation, Lent. We will follow the scripture of Jesus' death and resurrection, developing our understanding of the importance of this act by Jesus. We will also be celebrating the Entry in to Jerusalem to begin Holy Week.

### **PE**

PE will continue to be on a **Thursday morning**. Please ensure the children have both indoor and outdoor PE kit at all times. Children with ear piercings need to have their earrings out or cover them with plasters when taking part in PE. Please ensure kit is **NAMED**.

### **Reading**

Children will continue to use the Accelerated Reader system. Children are expected to read at least 6 books each half term.

### **Homework**

Children are expected to read every night, practise times tables using TTRcokstars and complete maths homework each week (this will be set each Thursday)

## Maths

The children will be learning using a fluency, reasoning and problem solving structure throughout the different areas of mathematics. In the first half term, we will look at Multiplication and Division, Area and Fractions. In the second half term, we will cover Decimals, Shape and Angles. Throughout the maths lessons, children will be required to complete calculations involving a range of strategies and then apply these to problem solving and reasoning. Through all areas, basic skills will be embedded through twenty minute maths sessions every day.

## English

Our books are 'Marcy and the riddle of the sphinx', 'I was there... Tutankhamun's tomb' and 'We're sailing down the River Nile.. We will be using images of the books to develop our writing skills including sentence structure, paragraphs and layout and grammatical features such as standard written English, clauses and punctuation.

## Science

The children will be completing a unit on Electricity. They will construct simple circuits, test conductors and insulators and put this to the test when making a torch for Howard Carter.



## Art and Design & Technology

During this term, we will be undertaking many different projects including making our own papyrus paper, decorating it with hieroglyphics and paintings in the style of an ancient tomb, as well as making our own Canopic jar heads. We will study the positions the Egyptians drew their people and create silhouette artworks of Egyptian landscapes. For DT, we will be using our Science work to build Howard Carter a new torch.

## Computing

The children will continue to build on their fundamental skills needed for operating computers and word processing. They will also complete plugged and unplugged lessons to build on their coding skills.

## History

During topic lessons, we will be focusing on the growing strength of the Egyptian Civilisation including, key events during their time in power, their social structure and one of the most famous rituals in history—Mummification and burial of a Pharaoh.

