

The Federation of Holy Trinity Church of England Schools

Year 4 Newsletter

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Welcome!

We are so excited to be starting your journey in Year 4 with you! We cannot wait to spend the year watching you flourish and grow.

Learning in Autumn

Subject / Area of Learning	Unit / Focus area
English	We will be using the text, <i>The Lost Happy Endings</i> , exploring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence. We will be focusing on expanded noun phrases and will use this to create detailed descriptions in writing. We will also be looking at non-fiction texts and will write a non-chronological report on an animal, demonstrating the use of factual and technical language.
Maths	Place Value – 4 digit numbers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partition 4 digit numbers• Estimate 4 digit numbers on a number line• Round to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 Addition and Subtraction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add and subtract in 1s, 10s, 100s and 1000s• Add and subtract two 4 digit numbers with more than one exchange
Learning Means The World	Our topics are called <i>Lightning Speed</i> and <i>Law and Order</i> . Please see below for more detailed information.
RE	What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today? Why do some people think that life is like a journey and what significant experiences mark this?
PE	Tag rugby, badminton & hockey
Spanish (KS2)	Parts of the body, similarities between English and Spanish nursery rhymes, zoo animals & alphabet

Learning Means The World

In our topic *Lightning Speed*, children will become computer scientists and historians to explore the history and development of the internet and World Wide Web, with a focus on computing. We will primarily look at how computers communicate, the importance of networks, how email works and how the internet enables collaboration. We are extremely excited to welcome a member of the North Yorkshire Police to talk to the children about internet safety, as this is the focus of our PSHE lessons this term.

In our topic of *Law and Order*, children will explore the concept of justice, with a key focus on citizenship. Children will look at the importance of leadership and the meaning of democracy and its origins, before moving on to how this applies practically in communities, both school-wide, locally and nationally. In this topic, there are exciting opportunities to visit local museums in Ripon and immerse children into their learning.

Parents will be welcomed into school on the evening of Wednesday, 27th September to explore how we are teaching our new whole-school curriculum through 'Learning Means the World'. You will learn how all aspects of Science, History, Geography, PSHE, Art, DT, Computing and Music are woven into exciting, stimulating and relevant units throughout the year, focusing on the 4 Cs: Communication, Conflict, Conservation and Culture. More information to follow.

PSHE

PSHE this term will focus on internet safety and privacy. Children will become aware of different issues affecting communities and groups and reflect on the impact of people's actions on others. Children will learn how to recognise and respond to issues of safety relating to themselves and others and how to get help. Children will explore how to make responsible choices and consider consequences. We have a member of North Yorkshire Police visiting Year 4 to discuss internet safety and why it is important to know how to keep safe online.

Multiplication Tables Check

The multiplication tables check is statutory for all year 4 pupils to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently. It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

For more information please [click here](#).

Children can use <https://www.timestables.co.uk/> and access TT Rockstars throughout the year for additional practice at home.

Homework

Homework will be sent out every Thursday and completed by the following Tuesday. To help your child get the best from their homework, it can help if they are seated at a table away from distractions and encouraged to have a go. Reminding your child to present their work neatly and checking their answers will help your child's independence. Trying to make it fun and choosing a good time to do it will always benefit.

The homework will consist of the following:

- Spellings: 10 words linked to the spelling investigation we will be teaching in school.
- Maths: Encourage your child to practise their times tables. TT Rockstars sessions will be set to support with this.
- Reading Plus: Sessions will be allocated each week. For those who like to do more, do as many reading and vocabulary sessions as you like – there are certificates up for grabs!
- Reading 3 times a week for 15 minutes

<u>Autumn Term Routines</u>	
Monday	Times Table practice in school
Tuesday	Times Table practice in school Homework to be handed in PE lesson Spelling Test
Wednesday	Times Table practice in school Reading Plus session in school
Thursday	Times Table practice in school Homework handed out Library session PE lesson
Friday	Times Table practice in school KS2 Praise: 2.50pm

Ways to help your child:

Helping your child to read at home will impact greatly on the progress they make in school and help them to become a confident reader for life. Please support your child by reading their school reading book at least 3 times a week and acknowledging this in their planner. Sharing a book before bedtime is a great way to encourage a love for reading. Here are few links that offer other tips and advice.

[Top 10 Tips to help your child read](#)

[The National Literacy Trust](#)

Your child has two books: a home reader which is levelled to challenge your child's fluency and/or comprehension skills, and a library book which is a book of your child's choice to share with family and enjoy together. Please sign your child's planner when they have read at home so we know how they are getting on. Reading books will be changed three times a week. If your child finishes their book, it is really helpful if they read it again as this is a great way to develop fluency.

- Please support your child to complete their homework. It is extremely beneficial in helping children consolidate their learning and develop new skills. We can provide stationery for home as required. Please let us know if you do not have access to electronics for completing homework.
- Complete, **named** school uniform. Please ensure that your child wears school uniform on non-PE days. This should include grey trousers/skirt/dress/shorts, white or red polo-shirt or white shirt, red sweatshirt and black, sturdy shoes. School logo uniform can be purchased from the Ripon Uniform Shop on Blossomgate.
- Please ensure that your child wears the correct PE kit to school on their PE day (plain, house-coloured t-shirt, black shorts, trainers and dark joggers/red hoody for cold days). Children should not wear clothing with large logos.
- Earrings must be removed for PE, either before school, or by your child if they are able. Staff are not permitted to remove earrings. Long hair should be tied back.
- Please remember that we cannot share sweets and cakes brought into school for the children. We appreciate that this is tricky as children like to share treats for their birthdays, but we now have several children with severe allergies. Thank you for your understanding!

Praise

We are delighted to welcome all members of our school community to our Friday Praise – our opportunity to celebrate and praise our children and the wonderful things they do throughout the week! The Infants begins at 9am and Juniors at 2:50pm. Can we respectfully remind all visitors not to take photographs/videos during Praise – there will be the opportunity at the end of both Assemblies to take individual photos with your own child – thank you!

Autumn Term Events

- Jeans for Genes Day – 22nd September
- Curriculum Evening 6-7pm – 27th September
- Harvest Service, Holy Trinity Church – 4th October
- Open Morning – 19th October
- Parents Evening – 25th and 26th October
- Remembrance, Spa Gardens – 10th November
- Christmas Production – 13th December (TBC)
- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch- 20th December
- Christmas Service, Holy Trinity Church – 20th December
- End of term – 22nd December

***'Loved by God and one another, Holy Trinity is a welcoming community of faith, where we learn
and flourish together.***

Each day opens up horizons of hope, aspiration and joy!'