All Saints C. of E. School, Bishop's Stortford

# Year 4

**NEWSLETTER**

Please find below details about the areas of study for this term. This is intended as a guide for anything you may want to do at home that could usefully link to the curriculum your children will be studying.

Resilience Kindness Love Understanding

**Autumn**

## Core Subjects

### Maths

We will be looking at Place Value to 5 digits, rounding to the nearest 1000 and Negative Numbers.

We will also revisit addition and subtraction and how to use these functions for two four-digit numbers.

In June, the children will all be completing the statutory multiplication check in June. They will be having weekly checks to assess their progress. Additionally, the focus of our Maths in the second half of the term will be Times Tables.

Please keep practising times tables to support your child's understanding of multiplication and division.

### English

Our focus for the start of term will be on writing a descriptive story for a book without text, using the images to explore the character's emotions.

Over the course of the term, we will also be looking at a range of different texts, including Shakespearian play scripts, Greek myths and Non-Fiction scientific texts.

To support your child at home you could share different types of texts and discuss how they are different. Supporting them to understand the terminology and clarify any misunderstandings will aid progress.

Spellings this first half term will consolidate learning from Year 3.

### Science

We are starting this term by looking at animals and humans; looking at digestion and teeth in more detail. We will be focusing on the basic functions of the digestive system and the different types of teeth.

In the second part of the term our topic will be Light and Sound. We will explore how sounds are made and how vibrations from sound can be heard in the ear.

Through both topics we will be working scientifically by recording our observations and carrying out fair tests.

### Computing

Online safety will be the focus for the start of our new term. Children will revise what it means to be 'safe' online and how to be critical of the information that they find. We will also be looking at good online etiquette and how to behave politely online.

In our topic 'We are Software Developers', we will be designing and creating an interactive, educational game.

## Foundation Subjects

### French

In French this term, we will be learning numbers to 50, animals and how to pose questions, focusing on 'where is….?'

Additionally, we will be revisiting the numbers previously covered.

### RE

In the Autumn Term, the children will be focusing on Creation: considering the wonder of the world God has created and asking questions about why the creation story is important to Christians. We will also learn more about Incarnation and the Trinity in the second half term.

### Music

This term in music we will be looking at musical patterns in pop songs and exploring complex rhythm patterns , using the glockenspiels to support our learning.

### History

This half term we will be studying Ancient Greek Civilisation. This includes exploring how the Ancient Greeks influenced modern society, such as the Olympics and democracy. We will also compare and contrast the accounts from the Battle of Marathon.

### Art

In art we will be linking with our themes of Ancient Greece with pottery. We will be making our own thumb pots based on designs similar to those we will be looking at in History.