



We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together

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Y4 (Bonifacio) Class Information Letter Spring 2020

Happy New Year to you all and a big thank you from the Year 4 team for the Christmas gifts. Welcome back to the Spring Term.

Here is information relating to the Spring Term.

Behaviour and Rewards

Our school uses the Hertfordshire Steps approach which supports a therapeutic ethos, early intervention and professional responses to behaviours. We have developed three universal school rules which each class has spent time exploring and these are:

- Be ready
- Be respectful
- Be safe

In year 4 the children can earn merit points with regard to behaviour based on these principles and for effort in respect of their work.

RE In RE we shall continue to follow the liturgical year. Epiphany is followed by Candlemas and then Lent. We shall continue The Way, the Truth and the Life scheme of work. We shall be studying the units: Jesus the Teacher and Jesus the Saviour. We also have the privilege of again leading the Easter Liturgy: The Way of the Cross.

English Our units of study this term are: exploring poetry through imagery and poetic form; persuasive writing and Myths.

Maths Our topics in Mathematics will include: place value; mental and written strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; measures; shape and symmetry and fractions and decimals. We will also apply our learning through problem solving and have opportunities to develop reasoning skills.

Computing The children will have the opportunity to: carry out research linked to ongoing topics; present data linked to science investigations and to learn to program using Logo.

Topics:

Rainforests – This topic encompasses science, geography, art and has an international focus. We will be studying the eco-system of the rainforests including habitats, food chains and how living organisms have adapted to their environments.

Rivers – The children will be learning about the physical and human aspects, including identifying parts of a river, uses of a river, environmental issues and map skills.

Physical Education This term we shall be developing gymnastics and dance skills.



Throughout the whole school all PE kits consist of navy shorts and white round necked t-shirt (all KS2 pupils will be expected to also have a navy track suit and trainers).

Children will need their P.E. kit every Monday/Friday (Bonifacio) Monday/Thursday (Michelangelo) but it is advisable to leave the PE kit in school and only take home each half term.

The children will be attending Parish Mass regularly during the term.

Home learning is set on Fridays and brought in on Monday where possible and by Wednesday. It may include Maths, and another topic including English, Science or R.E. This is supplemented by regular reading plus weekly spellings.

General information:

Water Bottle: All children are encouraged to drink plenty of water during the day, therefore, please supply your child with a refillable sports top water bottle. This must ONLY contain water, NO juices.

Children may bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable for a morning snack if they wish.

Jewellery. NO jewellery should be worn in school including earrings. Those with pierced ears must remove the earrings during school hours. If you wish your child to have their ears pierced this should take place at the beginning of the summer holidays to ensure the ears are healed before returning in September.

Long hair must be tied back during school hours.

Plimsolls: all pupils must have a pair of well-fitted plimsolls in school.

Children in KS2 are expected to bring their Reading Books to school each day. They may bring their book, pencil case, snack and homework books in a small bag but please bear in mind the limited space in their personal locker which also stores PE kit and their outdoor wear.

We hope to get the opportunity to meet with you all at our next Parent Consultations and we are looking forward to sharing the progress and attainment of your children. These meetings will be on:

Monday 10th February: 3.30pm – 7.30pm

Tuesday 11th February: 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Please visit our newly updated class pages on the school website at <https://www.stvincent.herts.sch.uk/os-classes.html> for helpful information about supporting your child's learning. This includes an explanation of methods in mathematics as well as some helpful websites to support learning.

We are looking forward to having an exciting and productive term

Yours sincerely

Mr Arnese & Mrs Ambrose

