



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

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**Class Information Letter**  
**Year 4 Michelangelo Autumn 2021**

Welcome back to school and thank you for ensuring your child was well prepared for the beginning of term. We were very pleased to see them, and they are all settling well into the new routines of Year 4.

The adults who will be working in Year 4 Michelangelo this term are Mrs P. Caswell and Mr M. McAdam (Class teachers), Mrs Worthington (Teaching assistant)

**Behaviour and Rewards**

Our school uses the Hertfordshire Steps approach which supports a therapeutic ethos, early intervention and professional responses to complex, challenging or high-risk 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 Michelangelo, children are rewarded with merits and can choose a small prize when their merit card is filled.

**Curriculum**

Please find below an overview of our Autumn Term curriculum coverage:

**Religious Education:**

**The Bible:** The children will be learning to find their way around the Old and New Testament by using Bible references. They will understand that the Bible is an account of God's relationship with His people, reflect on how the Bible can help us and to know that God speaks to us in the Bible. In the Old Testament our study will be with particular reference to Abraham, Joseph, Moses and David.

**Trust in God:** In this unit the children will be learning to understand the importance of trusting in God. The children will learn about God's promise to Zechariah and how he put his trust in God. The children will know that Mary trusted in God and will reflect on what we can learn from Mary's example of trust. Through Joseph's experience, the children will be aware that sometimes we need help to trust in God. The unit concludes with God's fulfilment of His promise to Mary when Jesus was born. The children will be reflecting on the importance of the birth of Jesus, learning to understand the reason God sent Jesus to earth and reflecting on who Jesus is for us.

We shall continue to follow the liturgical year, beginning with Ordinary Time, leading up to the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas. Each week you will also receive a link to **The Wednesday Word** to which will help you to support your child's faith journey throughout the liturgical year.



## **English:**

Our areas of focus will be Non-fiction and Narrative fiction. Writing skills - sentence structure and punctuation, text organisation and effect on audience- will be taught through the fiction and non-fiction texts.

Non-Fiction - Non-Chronological reports

Narrative fiction: Greek Myths and Legends

Grammar: Possessive apostrophes, nouns, pronouns, singular and plural agreements, and determiners.

Handwriting: Developing a fluent cursive style and reinforcement of spelling patterns

Weekly spellings are set on Purple Mash.

## **Maths:**

Our school follows the Herts for Learning Essential Maths scheme. Our areas of focus will be Place Value, Rounding, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Factor Pairs and Integer Scaling, Money, Measures- including Time, Properties of Shapes Fractions and Decimals, Problem Solving and Reasoning and Handling Data. Your child can log on to Timestables Rockstars to support their fluency in the recall of times tables. Your child will have their own log-in details which can be found in reading record books.

## **Science:**

In Science, our topics will be:

Solids, Liquids and Gases and will include Classifying solids, liquids and gases, melting and freezing materials, evaporation and condensation and practical investigations.

Sound- How sounds are made, how sound travels and investigations linked to volume, pitch and distance from a sound source.

## **Computing:**

Coding: We will be writing and debugging programs to achieve specific goals and working with variables and various forms of inputs and outputs.

Search technologies: We will learn to effectively carry out internet research for specific purposes as well as considering safe practice when using the internet.

## **History:**

Ancient Egypt

The children will know about the main events, dates and characteristics of Ancient Egypt with links to Geography, Art, Design and Technology, Music, English and RE.

## **Music**

This term we have launched our use of a new scheme called Charanga Music.

The topic areas we will cover are Mamma Mia – Music and styles of the 70s and 80s, Sweden as a country; the glockenspiel – introduction to the language of music, theory and composition.

## **Physical Education**

Wednesday - indoor PE gymnastics; Thursday - outdoor games

Pupils should attend school in their PE kits on their designated days and ensure they have a water bottle.

PE kit consists of navy shorts and a plain white T-shirt and trainers. This can be worn with navy or black plain joggers and a school jumper to ensure that your child remains warm during the colder weather.

## **Home Learning**

Home learning tasks will be set using Purple Mash for Spellings and TT Rockstars for times tables

Our Google Classroom is accessible via the following link: <https://classroom.google.com/>

All children have been provided with their own log in and password which were in reading record books, if your child needs a reminder of these details, please contact us.



**Reading** continues to be an important focus and we are keen that the children read as much as possible, both out loud to an adult and silently to themselves. The class page on the school website has links to recommended reading books for our class. As the children progress with their reading it becomes more important to question them about the text they are reading, the types of grammar and punctuation in the sentences and the author's choice of vocabulary. As far as possible, please ensure that your child reads at home four times a week to develop both their reading and comprehension skills.

### **General information:**

**Water Bottle & snacks:** 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. Many children also bring a fruit or vegetable snack to eat at morning break.

The only jewellery permitted in school is one small pair of ear studs (please remove for PE days), and an inexpensive watch from Year 2. Long hair must be tied back during school hours.

**Plimsolls and indoor shoes:** all pupils must have a pair of well-fitted indoor shoes in school. Please ensure all clothing and personal items are named.

### **Pick up procedures – keeping everyone safe**

Thank you for your continued compliance and patience for the safe arrival and leaving procedures at school. If you have not yet returned the end of the day permission slip, please do so. We are very pleased with the sensible independence shown by all the pupils in adapting to the new routines in place.

### **Twitter & Pupil Post**

Please follow the school on Twitter @svdp\_school (easily accessed through the school website) and via the weekly Pupil Post. This is proving to be a great source of communication for our school and enables you to see what is happening in the class on a regular basis.

### **School Website – curriculum links**

The class information pages of our school website can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.stvincent.herts.sch.uk/os-classes.html>

Here you will find many curriculum links relevant to your child's current learning. Please do spend some time exploring these pages if you can.

On the website you also find a link to our Curriculum Statement which explains our approach to all areas of the curriculum. It can be viewed via the following link:

[Curriculum-Statement-May-2021.pdf \(stvincent.herts.sch.uk\)](#)

### **Communication**

If you have any concerns at any point during the year, please do not hesitate in contacting us [pcaswell@stvincent.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pcaswell@stvincent.herts.sch.uk) and [mmcadam@stvincent.herts.sch.uk](mailto:mmcadam@stvincent.herts.sch.uk). Please remember that no problem is too small; anything that is important to you and your child is important to us too.

### **Parent Consultations**

Our first parent consultation of the year will occur shortly after half term and will be an online appointment using School Cloud. Booking details will follow shortly. We hope that our second parent consultation in the Spring Term will be face to face. This will also be an opportunity for you to see first-hand the work that your child is completing.

Thank you in anticipation for your support throughout the year. We look forward to working in close partnership with you to ensure your child is happy and progressing well in school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs P Caswell and Mr McAdam (Class Teachers)

