English: Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens

This term, the children will be studying the novel Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens. They will explore a range of writing genres, applying the grammar and punctuation skills taught in Year 4.

1. Instruction – Writing a set of instructions explaining how to make gruel, inspired by the novel.

2. Letter Writing – Writing a letter as Oliver, using the correct format and appropriate language.

3. Poetry and Performance – Creating a poem inspired by Oliver Twist and performing it aloud with expression.



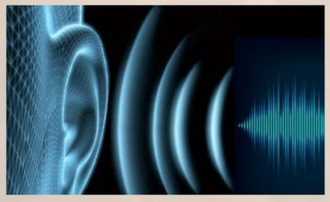
Religion: Prophecy and Promise

This term, we will begin our journey by exploring the stories of Elijah and John the Baptist, learning how they shared God's message and prepared people for Jesus. We will discover how the Jesse Tree connects to Jesus, the promised King, and explore how Christians show His kingship through art, symbols and the Creed.



Science: Sound

We're very excited to be exploring the topic of Sound with our Year 4 pupils this term, focusing on vibrations, pitch, and volume. Over the course of Term 4, children will learn how sounds are made, how vibrations create sound, how it travels to the ear, and the relationship between volume and pitch. They will also investigate how different factors affect the volume of sounds.



Term 2

Key Dates:

- **PE** Every Thursday and Swimming
- **10th November**: Fire Safety Talk
- **11th November:** Victorian HOOK Day
- **13th November:** Children in Need (TAG Day)
- **30th November:** Advent Mass – 10am, St. Andrews Day – Wear blue
- **7th December:** Reconciliation Liturgy – 10am
- **16th December:** KS2 Pantomime
- **17th December:** Church Carol Service – 2pm
- **18th December:** End of Term 2 – TAG Day, school finishes at 2pm

RSHE/ Celebration of the Word

Children will begin to understand that they are created by God and that we are all made differently. They will explore similarities and differences they encounter as they grow. During *Celebration of the Word*, children will also develop their understanding of friendship and trust through Catholic Social Teaching.

French: My town, your town

This term, children will revisit colours, write a fireworks poem, and programme their own robots. They will also learn shop names in French and practise asking for locations using robot-style voices.



The Arts: Children will be making mixed media pieces with collage, painting and drawing inspired by Wassily Kandinsky and Ana Strumpf.



Maths: Area and Perimeter

We will be starting Term 2 with a look at area, length and perimeter. The children will be learning what area and perimeter are and how to calculate both on rectangles, regular polygons and rectilinear shapes. They will also be looking at lengths and measurements, including kilometres and how to convert measurements between them.

We will also briefly look at multiplication at the end of term, with the plan to continue it on into Term 3. We will be furthering our understanding of factors and how it can help us solve more complicated multiplication problems.



PE: Basketball

This term, pupils will develop their understanding of attacking and defending skills. They will learn how to use tactics, strategies, and skills to outwit their opponents in basketball. Pupils will also focus on maintaining their positions and moving the ball effectively to score.



History and Geography: Historic Dockyard

Pupils will explore the Historic Dockyard in Chatham and its important role in British naval history, from the Norman Conquest to the modern day. They will develop historical enquiry skills, understand chronology and investigate how exploration, invention and community life have evolved around the Dockyard. Through engaging activities and hands-on learning, pupils will deepen their historical understanding and bring the topic to life.

