

St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School



We give thanks to God, work together and always try our best.

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter: Spring

Message from the Year 4 staff

Dear Parents,

It is good to see the children back in school, happy and healthy after the Christmas break. We do hope you all had a wonderful, peaceful Christmas holiday and are looking forward to the term ahead. Miss Watson will be leaving us temporarily next week as she takes part in the broader school experience part of her teacher training. In her place, we will be welcoming Miss Compton into our class who will be with us until the half-term break.

Key dates for the Diary

Year 4 Celebration of the Word - Thursday 15th January 2026

Extra Cricket PE Sessions 21st & 28th January 2026

Year 3 & 4 visit to The Urban Factory – Tuesday 24th March 2026

Key Information

PE

This term Year 4 will be swimming on Monday mornings. Children will need their swimming kit and a warm coat each Monday.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on a Friday to be completed no later than the following Wednesday. Spellings should be learned for a test each Friday. From January, we will be setting homework online. It will include some practise on Times Tables Rock Stars, a reading assignment on Reading Plus and spelling practise using Spelling Shed to prepare for the weekly spelling test on Friday.

Spring Term learning in Year Four

RE: This term our R.E. work focuses upon three themes: Community, Giving and Receiving and Self Discipline. We will explore the meaning of community and learn about how Jesus chose his first disciples. We will learn about the Last Supper and the celebration of the Eucharist as part of Holy Communion. We will also learn about giving and sacrifice in relation to the celebration of Easter.

Maths: Children will continue to have daily Maths Meetings to consolidate their arithmetic and problem-solving skills. We will look at fractions, time, decimals and area and perimeter.

English: This term we will study the books: The Great Kapok Tree and The Girl Who Stole an Elephant. We will complete a unit on non-chronological reports and write an adventure story. We continue to practise joined-up and fluent handwriting and the Year 4 grammar objectives. Spellings will be set weekly and tested each Friday.

Other Curriculum Areas

In **Science** we will study Sound and Living Things

In **History** we will study Ancient Greece

In **Geography** we will study Coasts

In **French** your child will learn vocabulary around the topic Myself and Others and Food and Drink

In **R.S.H.E** your child will be exploring issues around emotions and staying safe online.

In **Design Technology** we will design, make and evaluate a vegetable pasta dish.

In **Art** we will complete a unit on sculpture.

In **Music** the children will listen to a range of music and will then clap clave rhythm and compose two bar melody using up to 5 notes.

In **Computing** the class will complete units on Computer Science and Editing Photographs.