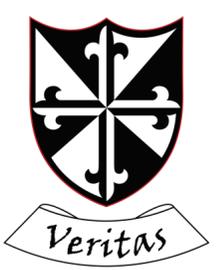


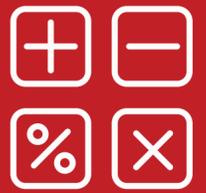
# Y4 Newsletter

## LENT 2



### Mathematics

Year 4 will begin the half term continuing our topic on decimals. The children will practise dividing by 10 and 100, comparing and ordering numbers and rounding decimals. Next, the children will learn how to write amounts of money, comparing money, rounding money and solving money problems. Towards the end of the half term, we will be starting our length, mass, and volume chapter where we will begin to explore units of length and mass.



### English

In English, we will be using 'The Lion and the Unicorn' by Shirley Hughes as the inspiration for our lessons. In this unit the children will practise writing letters, diaries, instructions, character and setting descriptions and reports. The children will end the unit by writing their own version of a historical narrative.



### Religious Education

Our first topic this half term will be exploring Islam. In this topic the children will learn about the Qu'ran and why it is important to Muslims. We will then begin our next branch of the RED curriculum 'Branch 4 - Desert to Garden'. In this branch, the children will learn about God's mercy and forgiveness through key parables and Holy Week, and explore how Christians live out their faith by helping others.



### Reading

In our whole class reading lessons, we will begin reading 'Poems from a Green and Blue Planet' by Sarinah Mahfouz. Within these Whole-Class Reading sessions, children will learn many different reading skills to help support their own development. In Story Time, we will continue to read "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane" by Kate Dicamillo.



### Science

Our science topic this half term is 'Electricity'. In this unit of work, the children will explore what electricity is and where it comes from. The children will experiment with making different electrical circuits and will learn about conductors and insulators. The children will be taught about electrical safety and how to stay safe when using electronic devices.



### Computing

In computing, the children will begin the topic 'Effective Search'. In this topic the children will learn how to use search engines safely and effectively to find out information. The children will also be taught how to analyse the contents of a web page for clues about the credibility and reliability of information.





## Design Technology

Our DT topic this half term is 'Pizza'. In this unit of work, the children will carry out surveys to collect information about pizza preferences in our class before designing, making, and evaluating their own pizzas.

## Geography

Our geography topic this half term is 'Investigating India'. The children will explore where India is in the world and what makes it special. We will look at India's mountains, rivers, cities, and culture. The children will then compare the physical and human features of India with the features found in the UK.



## Physical Education

In PE, we will continue with our weekly swimming sessions on a Tuesday. In school, our PE topic is basketball. The children will be learning to move the ball using different techniques and how to pass and shoot with increasing accuracy before beginning to compete in competitive games.



## PSHE

In PSHE, the children will be learning that change is a natural part of life and discussing the different types of change they may experience. Then, the children will learn about the Holy Trinity and explore how God's love is shown through the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They will also reflect on how this love can be seen in our own families and how we are shaped in God's image.



## Key Vocabulary

This half term, the Goldilocks words we will be using include:

Possession	Grating	Kneading
Holy Trinity	Globe	Search Engine



## Class Notices

- We have swimming every Tuesday, and PE on a Friday. Please ensure that the relevant kit is brought into school on those days.
- Homework is handed out every Friday to be returned the following Thursday.
- Any updates or notices will be posted on class dojo.



## How parents & carers can help

- Support your child in practising their times tables daily.
- Regular reading with your child.
- Ensuring homework is completed each week.

