

ENGLISH

The Accidental Prime Minister

Swallows will be writing their own humorous narrative based on this book by Tom McLaughlin which links to our topic 'Law and Order'. We will be covering a range of writing techniques including similes, metaphors, conjunctions and fronted adverbials.

MATHS

Your child will be developing their understanding of:

- Multiplication and division using different representations including base ten and the bar model.
- Multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100.
- Multiplying and dividing 1-digit and 2-digit numbers using written methods along with scaling.
- Length and perimeter
- Fractions

SCIENCE

Healthy Teeth & Eating

In class we will:

- Identify different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions
- Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans
- Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

TOPIC

Law and Order

Law and Order is a thematic unit, based on the concept of justice, with a key focus on citizenship. We will look at the importance of leadership and the meaning of democracy and its origins, before moving on to how this applies practically in communities, both school-wide, locally and nationally. We finish by recognising issues of justice, rights and responsibilities in their own setting and the wider world.

ITALIAN

Your child will be developing their understanding of Italian phrasing, practising conversational language and word games.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break. We are looking forward to a busy term ahead in Kestrels (Year 4). I hope you find this newsletter helpful in supporting your child in learning at home and at school.

Mr Drury

Law & Order

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER: YEAR 4

Spring 1: January 2024

WEEKLY HOMEWORK

Your child will receive Maths, English or Topic homework on a Friday.

Spellings are given out on a Wednesday, to be tested the following Wednesday. Times tables tests happen every Friday. Please ensure that reading is completed each night and recorded in the Reading Record.

ONLINE LEARNING

Your child has access to Oxford Reading Buddies and Times Tables Rockstars at home to practise their learning skills. Times Table Rockstars will also prepare them for the upcoming **Multiplication Tables Check in June 2024**. If you require another copy of log in details please let me know or email the office at office@stmaryangels.co.uk

IMPORTANT DATES:

Kestrels Assembly – Friday 19th January 2024
Paddington Library – Wednesday 24th January 2024
Forest School – Thursday 8th February 2024
Floating Classroom – Tuesday 27th February 2024

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Topic 1: Community

Topic 2: Listening and Sharing

See RE newsletter for more information.

Catholic Social Teaching Topic from Rooted in Love

Spring A: Solidarity and Peace

Spring B: Community and Participation

COMPUTING

Spreadsheets

• To format cells as currency, percentage, decimal to different decimal places or fraction. • To use the formula wizard to calculate averages. • To combine tools to make spreadsheet activities such as timed times tables tests. • To use a spreadsheet to model a real-life situation.

MUSIC

Your child will continue to develop their understanding of melodic and rhythmic phrasing and will be continuing with weekly hymn practice. Kestrels will continue to practice the recorder with Miss Diamond.

PSHE

Your child will be developing their understanding of how their behaviour and that of others may influence people both positively and negatively. We will revise our knowledge of the Zones of Regulation and discuss what strategies we can use to self-regulate.

RHE

The topics we will be focusing on this term are:

- *Religious Understanding*
- *The Sacraments*
- *Me, My Body and My Health*

Please see attached the RHE document for more information.

PE

Children will have PE lessons on a **Wednesday** and **Thursday** they should come to school wearing their PE kits on these days.