

Year Four  
Class Information  
2024-2025  
Lent Term One



St Joseph's  
Catholic Primary  
School and  
Nursery

Welcome back! I hope you had a fantastic Christmas with your families and that Father Christmas made a special stop at your homes.

We have lots more learning to look forward to this half term and we're starting one of my favourite topics - Road Trip USA!

I'll be interested in hearing if any of you have been on any road trips before and what you got up to. Photos welcome!

Miss Jackson and I will continue to do our best to support you with your progress in Year Four so that you may continue to grow in love, in the Spirit of Christ for the benefit of all.

### Topics this half-term

In our third half-term of the year, our topic will change back to Geography.

We will be learning all about the continent of North America and in particular, the country of the United States of America (USA). This will lead nicely into the following half-term where we will learn about the history of North America.

Below is an overview of our other topics across the curriculum.

| English   | Maths  | RE  | Science  |
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| <p>Recount (Formal letter).</p> <p>*Possessive determiners.</p> <p>*Expansion after the noun, using prepositional phrases.</p>  | <p>Multiplication and division:</p> <p>*Using the formal column method for multiplication.</p> <p>*Using the bus stop method for division.</p> | <p>Community:</p> <p>*What makes a community?</p> <p>Giving and Receiving:</p> <p>*What is more important - giving or receiving?</p>  | <p>Sound</p> <p>*Vibrations.</p> <p>*Structure of the ear.</p> <p>*Volume</p> <p>*Pitch</p>  |
| Geography   | DT   | Computing   | PE   |
| <p>Road Trip USA</p> <p>*North America on a map.</p> <p>*Climate in North America.</p> <p>*USA states.</p> <p>*Compass and coordinate knowledge.</p> <p>*Trade links.</p> <p>*Migration.</p> <p>*Native Americans.</p> <p>*Colonialism.</p> | <p>Electrical Systems</p> <p>*Circuits.</p> <p>*Torch features.</p> <p>*Designing and creating working torches.</p>                            | <p>Coding:</p> <p>*IF statements are used by the computer to decide which part of the code to run.</p> <p>*A Flow Chart is a diagram that represents an algorithm.</p> <p>Logo:</p> <p>*What Logo is used for.</p> <p>*What the common instructions in Logo are and how to type them.</p> | <p>Dance:</p> <p>*Freeze frames</p> <p>*Transitions</p> <p>*Dancing in unison.</p> <p>*Formations</p> <p>*Dancing in canon.</p> <p>*Sequences.</p> |

## Marvellous Me

Regular updates will be sent via Marvellous Me. This includes details of activities and lessons over the week, reward badges, reminders and documents such as this newsletter and homework.

## Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday to allow time for marking and feedback. Please be reminded that as well as this homework, children should read every night!

## Spelling Test

Spellings will be sent home with the homework on a Friday and will have a different focus each week. Children will have the opportunity to practice these at home and at school before the test on Friday.

I look forward to continuing this year with you and look forward to the exciting learning coming our way!

If you ever have any questions, please come and talk to us at the start or the end of the day.

Many thanks,

Miss Wallis and Miss Jackson ☺