

Year Four
Class Information
2025-2026
Advent Term Two



St Joseph's Catholic Primary
School and Nursery

Welcome back!

We're back after a lovely two-week October break!

We have lots to look forward to this half-term, including lots of preparations for a very special time of year – the season of Advent.

Our carol service rehearsals will be starting before we know it and I bet some of you have even started thinking about putting up Christmas decorations already!

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, enjoying the St Joseph's way of life.

Topics this half-term

In our second half-term, our topic will shift from a focus on Geography to a focus on History; we will be learning all about the Ancient Roman Empire. We will find out about their way of life, the Celts and their defence against the Romans, and the lasting impact the Rome left in Britain.

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

English	Maths	RE	Science
Historical narrative - Using apostrophes to show possession. - Use precise verbs	Addition and subtraction - Adding and subtracting 4-digit numbers, with and without exchanges. Measurement - Finding the area of shapes Multiplication and division - The 6, 9, 7, 11 and 12 times tables	Branch 2: Prophecy and Promise - Elijah was a Prophet - John the Baptist - the feast of Christ the King - how Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas - the Jesse Tree	Chemistry: States of matter - solids, liquids and gases - changing states - melting and evaporation - the water cycle
History	D&T	Computing	PE
I Am Warrior - Roman way of life - Roman emperors - the Celts - Boudica - Roman and Celt warfare - Roman inventions - Roman legacy	Structure - exploring shell structures - making papier mâché shells - strengthening techniques - strengthening shell structures - evaluating shell structures	Microbits	Gymnastics - perform sequences with changes in speed and direction - take weight on hands showing control - work in a group to develop a sequence Netball - protect the ball - shooting techniques - one-to-one marking - pivot

Topic launch

To launch our 'I Am Warrior' topic, we will be having a dress up day soon after half term. It would be useful to prepare a costume over the holidays. Children may come as a Roman goddess, soldier or gladiator.

Juniper

Regular updates will be sent via Juniper. 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 either be reading or accessing TTRockstars 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.

PE

Children should come to school in their PE kit on their PE day. PE will predominantly be on a Thursday but please look for updates on Juniper as this may change.

PE kit should consist of a white t-shirt and blue or black bottoms (shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms). We will try to get outdoors to do PE as much as possible so please ensure during the winter months, clothing is suitable for the outdoors. Jewellery should be removed for all PE lessons. *If it can't, tape/plasters should be provided from home.*

Forest Schools will begin after half term and be on the following dates 05.11.25, 13.11.25, 19.11.25, 27.11.25. There will be no PE lesson on the weeks when Forest Schools take place.

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 McLeod and Miss Jackson 😊