

Year Four
Class Information
2025-2026
Lent Term One



St Joseph's Catholic Primary
School and Nursery

Welcome back! We 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.

Topic and half-term

In our third half-term, 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
Recount (formal letter) - possessive determiners - expansion after the noun, using prepositional phrases	Multiplication and division - The 6, 9, 7, 11 and 12 times tables - using the formal column method for multiplication - using the bus stop method for division	Branch 3: Galilee to Jerusalem	Sound - vibrations - structure of the ear - volume - pitch
Geography	D&T	Computing	PE
Road Trip USE - North America on a map - Climate in North America - USA states - Compass and coordinate knowledge - trade links - migration - Native Americans - Colonialism	Electrical systems - circuits - torch features - designing and creating working torches - evaluating an end product	Coding: - IF statements are used by the computer to decide which part of the code to run - a Flow Chart is a diagram that represents an algorithm Logo: - what logo is used for - what the common instructions in Logo are and how to type them	Football - defensive skills - dribble in different directions - pass for distance - evaluate skills to aid improvement Netball - freeze frames - transitions - dancing in unison - formations - dancing in canon - sequences

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2026

Each class will be performing a poem. Year 4 will be performing 'The Tyger' by William Blake. Children will be expected to learn all the words for the poem so it would be good to make a start over the holidays. In addition to this, the dress up on this day will be linked to our poem. Please do not go and buy fancy costumes, this is not necessary. Children can simply have ears, a tail and whiskers on their faces or something similar.

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. This half term, PE will definitely take place on a Monday with Mansfield Town and one other day, predominantly a Thursday.

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.

After half term, we will begin swimming lessons on a Monday afternoon. For this, girls will need a swimsuit and boys should have tight fitting shorts with no pockets.

We 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 😊