

# CLASS CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



## ENGLISH

### Reading

We will be reading Danny Champion of the World as our class text, focussing on the vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarizing. Children will continue to read with their partner from Reception each week.

### Writing

We will look at setting descriptions and write our own linked to Danny Champion of the World.

We will look at a range of non-chronological reports and pick out their features so that we can write our own reports.

### Spellings

We will continue to work on spelling rules and using our knowledge of phonics to support our independent writing.

### SPAG

We will be focussing on accurate use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks.

We will use apostrophes for possession and contraction.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Swimming – Thursdays  
Multiplication check 3-14<sup>th</sup> June

## ST MICHAEL'S C of E YEAR 4 SUMMER HALF TERM 1 2024 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

## DEAR PARENT

It's lovely to see the children so eager to continue their learning.

Please continue to listen to your child read as frequently as possible. Spellings are written in your child's reading records weekly so they can practise the weekly rule. Athletics homework will be continued to be set weekly to help your child consolidate work covered in lessons

Please avoid children wearing earrings on Tuesdays and Thursdays as these are the days we have P.E. On Thursdays we will be swimming. Children will need to bring swimming kit (girls must wear a full suit) and towel. They may also wear goggles if they choose.

If anyone is free and interested in listening to the children read any afternoon, please let me know. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your continued support.

## Recommended Reading for Pleasure

The Works- Pie Corbett  
Any compilation of poems by Paul Cookson  
First News (Junior Newspaper)  
Cliff Hanger – Jacqueline Wilson  
Lizzie Dripping – Helen Cresswell  
The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo  
The Worst Witch – Jill Murphy  
Desirable – Frank Cottrell Boyce  
Horrible Histories, Rotten Romans – Terry Deary  
Horrible Geography – Anita Ganeri

## Bright Stars

Year 4 will be taking part in the Bright Stars competition this half term. This is a social enterprise activity which involves them working with Paragon vets to set up their own business with the aim of improving their local area or improving the lives of those around them. The aim is to introduce children to the world of business and enterprise. It encourages: teamwork, collaboration, communication skills, forming and implementing their own business plan and possibly making a profit that can then be used for the greater good of the community.

## MATHS

We will continue to use TTRockstars to improve our speed, recall and accuracy of multiplication and division facts. We will also recognise remainders. We will continue working on using decimals, focussing on tenths and hundredths.

We will also add and subtract decimals which will then link to our work on using money.

We will organise whole numbers and decimals and estimate where they appear on number lines.

We will practise telling the time and converting between 12 hour and the 24 hour clock.

This half term we will be focussing on the most important 36 multiplication facts to so that we can use these to multiply larger numbers in Year 5. We will be working towards the times table check which takes place in June.

We will use our mathematical knowledge to solve problems, working with others to explain and prove our reasoning.

## COMPUTING

### Knitted Knowledge:

We will know that algorithm is an instruction.

We will know that debugging means to fix a program.

We will know how to develop my program by debugging it.

### Super Skill:

We will be able to use my design to write a program.

We will be able to identify patterns in a sequence.

We will be able to use code to program.

## GEOGRAPHY

### Knitted Knowledge:

I will know where volcanoes and earthquakes are found in the world.

We will know what tectonic plates are.

We will know why some people choose to live in volcanic areas.

### Super skills:

We will be able to explain what happens when a volcano erupts.

We will know how people can be affected by volcanoes.

## SCIENCE

### Knitted Knowledge:

We will know that a source of electricity is needed for electrical devices to work.

We will know electricity sources push electricity round a circuit and a complete circuit is needed for electricity to flow and devices to work.

We will know a range of conductors and insulators.

### Super Skills:

We will be able to show structures of circuits using drawings including how the components are connected.

## DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

### Knitted Knowledge:

We will know how lights can be used for signage

We will know how LEDs may be used instead of traditional incandescent bulbs in series circuits.

### Super Skills:

We will select and use tools, equipment, materials and components to make the enclosure of a decorative illuminated sign.

We will construct a working circuit with one or more lights, and fit it in a decorative illuminated sign.

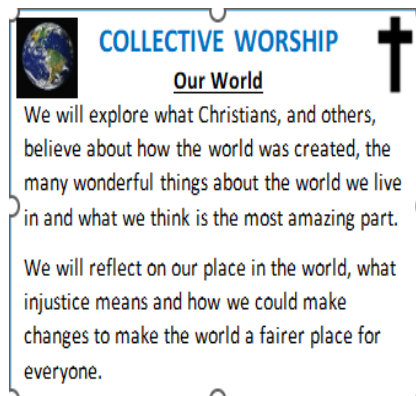
## RELIGION AND WORLDVIEWS

### Knitted Knowledge

We will know that people worship in a range of places.

### Super skills

We will be able to explain the similarities and differences in different faiths.



**COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

Our World

We will explore what Christians, and others, believe about how the world was created, the many wonderful things about the world we live in and what we think is the most amazing part.

We will reflect on our place in the world, what injustice means and how we could make changes to make the world a fairer place for everyone.

## PSHE

### Knitted Knowledge:

We will know some reasons why people feel jealousy.

We will know that sometimes it is better for a friendship/relationship to end if it is causing negative feelings or is unsafe.

We will know that memories can support us when we lose a special person or animal.

### Super Skills:

We will be able to suggest ways to manage relationship changes including how to negotiate.

We will be able suggest positive strategies for managing jealousy.

We will be able to identify the feelings and emotions that accompany loss.

## PE

### Knitted Knowledge:

We will know how to be safe around water.

We will know how to improve our swimming strokes for efficiency.

### Super Skills:

We will improve our hitting skills, focussing on directing the ball.

## FRENCH

### Knitted Knowledge

I know that nouns are types of words that refer to people, places and things.

I know that a proper noun is the name of a specific person, place or thing.

I know that the final consonant in a word is usually silent.

### Super Skills

I can ask someone their name and tell someone my name.