



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome to Year 4

Fun and Achieve!

Mission Statement

Aspire and believe, flourish and succeed within the heart of God's family.

We aim for everyone:

- To be happy, healthy, safe and successful
- To find enjoyment in all aspects of school life, embracing achievement in all forms as we aspire to excellence
- To have inclusive access to a broad and rich curriculum
- To have high expectations of themselves and those around them
- To acquire essential skills to meet the challenges and lifestyle choices of the future
- To develop their own character and feel valued as an individual, celebrating their unique qualities
- To develop personally, morally and spiritually within the contexts of Christian belief and practice
- To welcome and promote positive relationships
- To demonstrate respect and understanding for the environment and others within our school, local, national and global communities

Who's who?



Mrs Dickinson

Class Teacher

Mrs Leech

Teaching
Assistant

Miss Cregan

Teaching
Assistant

Mrs Walsh

Teaching
Assistant

Mrs Bentley

Teacher

Thoughts from current Year 4 children

"I like Year 4 because we have an amazing classroom with a tree house that we get to take turns using."

"I am excited for our trip to Robinwood because we will get to do lots of fun activities with all our friends and teachers. Also, we get to set an example for the new year 3 children which is a big responsibility."

A Typical Day in Year 4

8:45 – 9:00	Registration (including Fluency in Five)
9:00 – 10:00	Maths
10:00 – 10:20	Whole School Worship
10:20 – 10:35	Break
10:35 – 12:05	English (including reading and writing sessions)
12:05 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 1:15	Registration – including DEAR Time
1:15 – 2:15	Topic Work – incorporating Geography, History, RE, Art, Science etc.
2:15 – 3:15	PE
3:15	Home time

The children will do PE twice a week on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. PE kits should be worn to school on these days.

Aims for the Year

To always try our best in everything we do

To use good manners and treat people how we would like to be treated

Make sure we are listening to others

Always try to work together as a team

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Reward Systems

We have a number of reward systems in place in school. These include:

- Housepoints – your child can earn housepoints for their team; each week these are collected and the winning team is announced in Friday's Celebration Worship. Your child will have been allocated a house when they started at St. Bartholomew's and this is the House they will stay in throughout their time here. The six houses, named after our 'Courageous Advocacy Champions' are: **Attenborough**, **Bagley**, **Curie**, **Parks**, **Rashford** and **Thompson**
- Class of Excellence – children work together to gain Class of Excellence Merits. For example, these can be awarded to classes who behave excellently on school trips; or classes who join in well during Worship as well as many other reasons.
- The Gold Book – where children are setting wonderful examples and producing excellent work, their teachers may move them to the Gold Zone. They will come home with a Gold Badge to show that they have been on the Gold Zone.
- Star of the Week – each week, one child from each class is chosen, by the staff in their class, to be the Star of the Week; certificates are awarded every Friday morning during Celebration Worship
- Always Child – for those children who always do the right thing, all the time, we have the Always Band.
- Well-being Award – This is for children who have made positive steps to improve their own well-being or the wellbeing of others.

"In English, we often use fun games or songs to support us with our learning. In Maths we are looking forward to going on TT Rockstars on the I pads and increasing our rock star status."



The Curriculum

We will be holding our Achievement Morning from 9am to 10am on Tuesday 24th September. This will help you support your child's learning. We will see you there!

English – The children will have an English lesson every day. A typical morning consists of:

- Reading comprehension
- Pathways to Writing, which will include elements of grammar, spelling, vocabulary and sentence structure, while working towards an extended piece of writing.

The children will be read from a range of genres and will answer questions based on retrieval, recall, prediction, word definitions, ordering and sequencing using skills such as skimming, summarising and scanning.

When writing, the children will work either in collaboration with the teacher (modelled or shared writing), in pairs or independently.

During the year, there will be a range of genres that are taught and to stimulate the children's writing, we will use a variety of methods such as engaging texts, real-life experiences, videos and images.

Reading

The children will carry out daily reading sessions. In addition to this, the class teacher will hear children read individually during DEAR Time. The reading material during DEAR time can include texts from the class library, comics, newspapers, magazines, library books as well as the school reading book.

Children will continue to use BoomReader at home as their reading record. It is therefore important that when you hear your child read at home you add to their record by either using the app or logging on via the website.



Maths – The children will have a Maths lesson every day. Our Maths lessons are based on the White Rose scheme and focuses on mental maths, arithmetic, fluency, reasoning and problem solving. Although we follow the White Rose scheme, we carefully adapt it and use a range of resources, including physical manipulatives, to support our children.

During the year we will focus on:

Autumn: Place value, Addition & Subtraction, Measuring Area, Multiplication and Division.

Spring: Multiplication and Division, Length & Perimeter, Fractions and Decimals.

Summer: Decimals, Money, Time, Shape, Statistics and Position & Direction

The Rest of Our Curriculum

Science

Our topics for Science in Year 4 are:

Group and Classify Living things	States of Matter	Data Collection
Sound	Electricity	Animals including Humans

RE

As a Church of England School, Religious Education (RE) is extremely important to us. The topics that we will be covering in Year 4 are:

What kind of world did Jesus want?

For Christians when Jesus left, what was the impact of the Pentecost?

What do Hindus believe God is like?

Why do Christians call the day that Jesus died 'Good Friday'?

What does it mean to be Hindu in Britain today?

How and why do people mark the significant events in life?

Computing

Computing is so vital to today's world and our children's future. Our computing curriculum focuses on four main areas: online safety, computer science, information technology and digital literacy.

The Computing Topics that we will be studying are:

Digital Citizenship (Project Evolve)	Digital Literacy	Computer Science using CS First
Information Technology	Digital Project	

MFL

Our topics for Spanish in Year 4 are:

Phonics	My Family	Goldilocks
Classroom	The date	My house

PE

The children will have two PE lessons each week; sometimes, these will be led by an external specialist PE provider such as Key PE. The focus of our lessons will change each half term.

Music

Each week, Year 4 will participate in a music lesson led by Bolton Music Service. The children will learn to play the Djembe Drum and they will also have many opportunities to listen to music, perform and compose.

History and Geography

History and Geography are taught separately as they require two very different skill sets.

Our History topics for the year are: Ancient Greece and Romans.

Our Geography topic for the year is: My region and Comuni, Italy. The children will also complete a fieldwork study of the local area.

Art and Design Technology

Our Art topics for the year are: Drawing, Painting and mixing dark and light colours and 3D mega sculptures.

Our Design Technology topics for the year are: Structures (pavilions), Mechanical systems (making a slingshot car and Electrical Systems (torches).

What do we want from the children?

All we will ever ask of the children is for them to do their best with everything that they do! Nobody can ask for anything more and we will celebrate all of their unique talents.

“I like Year 4 because we are going to learn lots of new interesting things like all about Ancient Greece and Djembe drums.”



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