

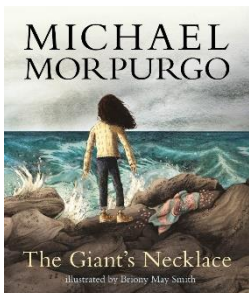


Year 4 Curriculum Overview for Parents

Autumn 1 2026

What will your child be learning this half term?

Reading Into Writing –



This half term we will begin by reading Michael Morpurgo's **"The Giant's Necklace."** In our writing we will focus on grammar and writing setting descriptions based on the beautiful pictures in the book.

We will

then begin to read **"Who Let the Gods Out"** by Maz Evans. In our Writing we will be exploring narrative writing by retelling parts of our text with a focus on the sentence structures including: *Expanded noun phrases, Conjunctions, Fronted Adverbials and Speech*



Religious Education (R.E.) –

We will start the year by learning about our school patron saint – **St. Joseph** and our class saints: **St Peter** and **St. Josephine Bhakita**.



Branch 1 – Creation and Covenant

We will learn about the stories from the Old Testament about Abraham and Joseph. We will consider their relationship with God and how their faith, hope and love in God and the Covenants God promised, influenced the decisions they made.

Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar –

We will be learning and practising **homophones** and the letter patterns **ei**, **sc**, **que/que** and **ch**.



Week 1: mail, male, flour, flower, berry, bury, great, grate, plain, plane

Week 2: vein, neighbour, weigh, eight, they, obey, grey, reindeer, beige, veil

Week 3: science, scene, discipline, fascinate, crescent, fascination, scenery, ascend, descent, scissors

Week 4: league, antique, tongue, unique, cheque, mosque, fatigue, plague, technique, vague

Week 5: chef, chalet, machine, brochure, parachute, champagne, chute, moustache, quiche, crochet

Week 6: scheme, chorus, chemist, echo, character, ache, anchor, monarch, stomach, mechanic

Maths –

Addition and Subtraction We begin the year with a "Review of column addition and subtraction."

Numbers to 10 000 We will then explore "Numbers to 10,000" and develop our understanding of the place value of number.

KIRF: I know number bonds of 100 Number bonds show us how numbers join together. They are very important for addition and subtraction. This half term, the children will be learning number bonds of 100; they should be able to recall these independently.

History - The Ancient Greeks.



This half term we are learning all about Ancient Greece. We will be exploring the city-states, government, battles, beliefs and key figures such as Alexander the Great.

Science – The Human Digestive System (Biology)

This unit covers the basic functions of the human digestive system and identifies different types of teeth and their functions. It focuses on asking questions, gathering and presenting data, recording findings with diagrams and charts, and reporting results through written and oral presentations.



Physical Education (P.E.) Children will need their PE kit in school on Mondays and Wednesdays: red round-necked PE top, navy shorts, plain black pumps. This half term in PE we are studying invasion games focusing on football and basketball. Children will develop skills such as passing, shooting and dribbling in isolation and progress into small sided games with an emphasis placed on teamwork, understanding of the games rules and demonstrating good sporting values. 	French – Food During this half-term the children will be learning: To begin to understand a conversation in French. To read and say amounts of money in French. To identify and pronounce the names of French shops correctly. To work out the meaning of unfamiliar words. To create a French menu based on authentic texts. 
Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) – During PSHE this half term we will be focusing on: Class rules, Our school mission statement, British values, Understanding Catholic social teaching about family and community, Keeping safe online, The celebration of Harvest where we give thanks for food we eat, How to care for the world we live in and our environment, The positive contributions made by significant black people through History. 	Computing – Computing systems and networks – The Internet Learners will apply their knowledge and understanding of networks, to appreciate the internet as a network of networks which need to be kept secure. They will learn that the World Wide Web is part of the internet, and will be given opportunities to explore the World Wide Web for themselves in order to learn about who owns content and what they can access, add, and create. They will evaluate online content to decide how honest, accurate, or reliable it is, and understand the consequences of false information. 
Art / DT – Our Art project for this half term is creating decorative tiles. 	Music – we are working at developing our confidence with playing solo sections from pieces of music.

Other Important Information	
<u>Virtues Focus:</u> Compassionate and Loving	<u>Catholic Social Teaching Focus:</u> Stewardship and Care for Creation Family and Community
<u>Diary Dates</u> Tuesday 8th September – ONE LIFE Retreat Day Friday 11th September – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 25th September – McMillan Cake Sale Tuesday 29th September – Year 4 to Mass Wednesday 30th September – Music Demonstration Assembly Thursday 1st October – Poetry Day Thursday 15th October - Trip to Woodlands Outdoor Education Centre Friday 16th October – Harvest Mass 2:15pm Thursday 22nd October – Parents’ Evening Appointments 2pm – 6pm Friday 23rd October – End of half term We hope your child settles well into Year 4. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to one of us at the end of the school day or contact the school office to make an appointment- we are here to help. Mr Adlington	