



# Southam St James CE Academy

## Year 4

Autumn Term 2024

**Date: September 2024**

**Class: 4**

**Class teachers:**

**Miss. Estano (Mon and Tues)**

**Mrs. Adams (Wed-Fri)**

**Teaching assistants:**

**Mrs Reeves**

## Things to remember:

**Pencil Cases -**

Please see stationery list in homework books.

**PE - Monday & Thursday**

Please send children to school wearing their PE kit suitable for the weather on these days. We will be outside as much as possible.

**Reading books -**

Children can bring books in from home. Please encourage your child to read the **whole** book before changing it!

**Home Learning -**

Will be sent home on Wednesday to be handed in the following Monday. Spellings will be tested Monday mornings.

**Water Bottles -**

Should be sent in every day, water only. Please do not send in bottles of water or Prime bottles. Water can be refilled using the classroom tap at break and lunch time.

What a busy and fun term we are going to have! If you have any questions, please feel free to send us an email, or drop us a message on Class Dojo. Our email addresses:

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### ENGLISH

This term, we will be using our key texts, *The Whale* by Ethan & Vita Murrow, and *Leaf* by Sandra Dieckmann to support our work in English lessons, where we will be focusing on:

- Setting Narrative
- Newspaper report
- Outsider Narrative
- Information report

Within this, our grammar focus will include:

- Verb inflections (we were)
- Noun phrases, fronted adverbials and prepositions
- Pronouns
- Inverted commas and commas
- Plural -s and possessive -s

In Reading lessons, we will be using *Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan. In these sessions we will focus on reading and comprehension skills.

**You can help your child by:**

- Reading with your child for 10-15 minutes at least three times a week.
- Encouraging your child to read for pleasure.
- Learning spellings when they are sent home.

### Topics

History lessons will see us finding out all about the Ancient Greeks this half term. We will be learning all about their customs, including religion, their hierarchy and society.

In Geography, we will begin by looking at spatial sense and map skills before moving on to look at Mediterranean Europe after half term.

In Science your child will begin the term by learning all about the human body. After half term, we will move on to learn about the classification of plants and animals.

Computing this term will begin with a unit on the Internet and Online Safety, before looking at animation.

We will be sewing cushions in DT lessons, and building on our knowledge of Christianity in RE. In Art lessons, we will be looking at light and space over the two half terms.

### MATHS

This term, we will be concentrating on:

- Number and place value
- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Measurement-area

We will begin the term by learning more about numbers and how they are made - place value. We will be ordering, rounding and comparing them before moving on to addition first, followed by subtraction. Throughout this, children will be learning to reason with number and solve problems.

**You can help your child by:**

- Encouraging regular times tables practise using Times Tables Rock Stars.
- Helping your child to learn their maths target facts - 5-10 minutes every day is ideal.
- Encouraging your child to tell the time.
- Asking your child how they found an answer, or to explain how they know an answer to be correct/incorrect.



### WELCOME BACK!

We are very much looking forward to an exciting year, full of learning and opportunities. Over the coming term, we will be working hard to help all children settle into class routines, and to understand the expectations that come with being in Year 4.

Details regarding home learning will be communicated shortly, with all information being stuck in your child's home learning book. It is your child's responsibility to ensure they have all their equipment on the required days, and we appreciate your support with this.

Many thanks,  
Miss. Estano and Mrs. Adams

