

## Mission Statement

## Guided by Jesus' love and example, we use our gifts to grow, pray and learn as a community; united in faith.

January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers.

We would like to extend a great big thank you and well done to all the children for all their hard work in Year 4 so far. It has been great to see how enthusiastic they are to learn and immerse themselves in the life of school. The children are also continuing to look smart – please be aware that weekly uniform checks will be made. Please remember to put names into clothing in case they are misplaced. Below is an outline of what we will be learning in the exciting term ahead:

Religious Education – we will continue to follow the 'Come and See' programme and this term we will be studying three topics: Community, Giving & receiving and self- discipline. The children have also been involved in a liturgy planning where they have planned their own class liturgy. We cannot wait to share it with the rest of KS2.

English – this term we have some great texts to explore! We will begin by looking at Georgia's Journey & Perseus and Medusa, which will help to inspire writing our own 'journey' and 'beating the baddie' stories with its rich vocabulary and descriptive language. We will also be learning all about how to build a set of instructions in our writing as we delve into 'How to be a hero' and learn how to write non-chronological reports.

Maths – we will continue to learn new concepts as well as embedding and building on skills taught previously. We will begin by securing our knowledge of multiplication and division. We will also cover area, fractions and decimals. Please remember to encourage your child to practise their times tables. It is expected that by the end of Year 4, children should be fluent in all times tables up to 12. We know that this is not always the case and will be practising frequently in school. TT Rockstars is a great way to get your children engaged in multiplication at home and it is expected that the children log in at least once each week – if you are struggling to log in then please let us know and we will help.

**Topic** – to begin the term we will be learning all about what life was like in Roman Times. We will be completing an exciting project to help teach us all about the rebellion of Boudicca.

After half-term, our Geography topic will be 'the angry earth', discussing why & where volcanoes & earthquakes occur.

Our Art & DT will be linked to these topics too.

Science – to start the term we will be learning all about sound. We will explore the production & reception of sounds through a series of fun and practical experiments. After half-term, we will be spending some time investigating states of matter: solids, liquids and gases. We will observe different materials as they change state.

**PE** – PE takes place on Tuesday. Children should continue to arrive at school wearing their PE kit and remain in it for the whole day. Please refer to the website to ensure children are wearing the correct kit and please remember to ensure all items of clothing are labelled. We have started the spring term learning and practising collaborative games skills. We will move onto athletics next half term.

Please remember to make use of the Home/School diary if you have any comments, queries or concerns. Please let your child know if there is a note in the diary so that it can be handed to the teacher in the morning.

Yours sincerely, Miss Morris and Mrs Sanger



