



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new year in your child's learning journey. This is my first year at St Mary's and I have already received such a warm welcome and am enjoying getting to know all of the pupils in Year 4.

Our first topic is Roman Life. Following this, our topics will be Roman Britain, UK Cities, Ancient Greece, Relaxing Rivers and Mighty Mountains and Staffordshire vs Luxembourg vs Rhode Island.

In English, we will be reading a range of texts from different genres, starting with *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. Alongside this, we have been reading *The Boy*, *The Mole*, *The Fox and The Horse* in Guided Reading. We want to promote a love of reading in year 4 and this can be continued at home by reading with your child as much as you can. Use Oxford Owl to access e-books and encourage your child to enjoy any reading material you have at home. Spellings will not be sent home for the time being but children will be given time during the school day to practise their daily spellings before their test at the end of the week.

We are currently focusing on place value in Maths. We will go on to cover addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, money, time, area, statistics and shape throughout the year. By the end of year 4, pupils will be expected to know all of their times tables. We will be doing weekly times tables challenges called the 99 Club, where children progress up a pyramid when they get full marks. Certificates will be awarded when children reach bronze, silver or gold. Children can use Times Table Rock Stars to practise at home.

Our first Science topic is Living Things and Their Habitats. We will be learning about how to classify animals and species that are endangered or extinct. Later in the year, our topics will be Animals Including Humans, Sound, States of Matter and Electricity.

First Communion will go ahead in some form this year and we will be in touch with details and dates nearer to the time.

PE is on Monday and Tuesday for year 4 so please ensure that your child attends school in their PE kit. As the weather starts to turn colder, children need to come into school in warm clothes and with a coat. Please also send them with a bottle of water.

If you, or your child, have any worries or queries, we are always here for you.

We are looking forward to a super year! Thank you for your support.

Miss Spicer and Miss Askey