

Year 4 Update

Friday 2nd February 2024

RE

In RE this week, we have been looking at different parish ministries and thinking about the jobs within a parish. We wrote letters to Fr Tim thanking him for the hard work he puts into our community, especially when he visits our school. We also looked at what St Paul tells us about serving our parish community.

Key Vocabulary: parish, ministries, community, St Paul, serving.

RE Mission of the Week:

We will be setting a religious based mission for you each week from now on. Each week, we send children out with a 'Mark 10 Mission.' As we encounter Jesus, he invites us to live our lives differently. The weekly mission is a suggestion of how we can do just that.



The Presentation Mission

Be aware of any time this week, when you feel worried or upset.

In those moments, turn to Jesus and invite him to fill you with his peace. You can ask him to take care of everything.

English

This week in English we have continued focusing on the story of Biscuit Bear but looked at how instruction writing is related to it. We explored the features of instruction writing and thought about how we would write our own instructions for making a version of Biscuit Bear.

Key Vocabulary: instructions, imperative verbs, title, method, ingredients, subheading.

Pre-Teaching

Next week we will be looking at writing our own instructions to create a Biscuit Bear design of our choice. Use the link below to have a look at how to write instructions using imperative verbs.

[Writing instructions using imperatives - English - Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#)

Maths

This week in maths we have been looking at perimeter. We have been able to work out the perimeter of rectilinear shapes as well as looking at finding the missing lengths of a shape. Some of these perimeters included decimals and various units.

Key Vocabulary: perimeter, addition, centimetres, missing length.

Pre-Teaching

Next week we will be looking at working out the area of a shape. Use the link below to support your learning.

[How to work out an area - BBC Bitesize](#)

Science

In science, we have completed the construction of a digestive system and have a brilliant understanding of the different parts of the system as well as the functions of them. We looked at how the digestive system of a human is similar and different to that of an animal which we found very interesting.

Additional Information:

Homework:

This week there will be maths, grammar and spelling homework. For Maths and grammar homework this week we will give out a paper copy and spellings will be stuck into spelling books as usual. Please complete this and send it back in so they can be stuck in the correct books.

Maths and grammar is due on Tuesday 6th February.

Spellings are due on Thursday 8th February.

PE Kits

Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times. This must include **grey** joggers and trainers as we will continue to do outside PE.

Spares

Children are allowed to bring a spare pair of clothes in which ensures they are able to play on the grass at lunchtimes so that their school uniforms don't get muddy. Please ensure that any clothes sent in are clearly named so that it avoids them being lost or misplaced.





Dear Parents and Carers

We are pleased to tell you that the school has now bought six new football goals for our field which means more children will be able to play at lunchtimes.

The winter weather means the field is continuously soft and quite muddy so to avoid uniforms getting dirty, it is important the children wear "spares".

Spares are spare items of clothing used over the uniforms while the children play football.

There are times when children forget to bring their spares into school and this can prevent them from being able to play. For this reason, we want to ask families if they can donate old items of clothing that we could keep in school to be used when children forget their own spares.

What to donate:

- Tracksuit bottoms
- Old baggy joggers
- Old t-shirts
- Baggy sweaters
- Sports shirt (old football or rugby shirt)

We ask for sizes to fit children from 7 to 13. Children do not need to bring complete football kits for lunchtimes.

Please do not buy any spares, we just ask for items that your child has grown out of or items that are old but still in relatively good condition.

If you are able to help, please place the items in a bag and send in with your child. Your donations will be stored in school.

Thank you for your support.

Children of the Mini Vinnie group.

Watford Foodbank

The donations towards Watford Foodbank will continue this term. The staff of the Foodbank have passed on their thanks for all your generosity especially during these difficult times. The next dates for donations are:

Thursday 7th March

The Foodbank boxes will be located by the doors of St Francis building, Main entrance and Nursery door.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6th February is 'Safer Internet Day'. This takes place each year to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people. Have a look at the link below for more information:

[Home - Safer Internet Day](#)

Dates for your Diary

<u>Wednesday 7th February</u>	Safer Internet Day
<u>Wednesday 14th February</u>	Ash Wednesday
<u>Friday 16th February</u>	School finishes for half term. <u>3:30pm finish.</u>
<u>Monday 19th February- Friday 23rd February</u>	Half Term
<u>Monday 26th February</u>	Staff training day
<u>Tuesday 27th February</u>	Children return to school
<u>Monday 4th March</u>	Year 4 School trip to the Verulamium Museum.

Five Ways to Wellbeing



GIVE

Do something kind for someone in your class, school or family. Choose one person per day for the next week. How many kind acts will you manage?

Have a great weekend,

Abbie and Orla 😊