

Year 4 Update

Friday 26th September 2025

RE

- This week, we looked at the life and work of Cardinal Henry Manning. The children thought about the ways in which Cardinal Manning dedicated his life to God and how his faith has inspired others.

Pre-Teaching:

We will be thinking about what it means to pray. We will consider how we can be more like Abraham and talk to God in our own prayers.

- Scripture reference for next week: Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 18:1-15)

English

- We have been writing our narratives remembering to include dialogue and a range of descriptive words to aid in setting the story for our reader.

Pre-teaching:

- Final editing of our narrative before we transform it into a graphic novel including the use of speech bubbles and panels.

Maths

- This week in maths, we have been continuing to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

Pre-Teaching:

- We will be looking at different mental strategies for addition including estimating and regrouping.

Science

- We went on a bird hunt in order to spot the similarities and differences between a species. We then looked at the role of classification keys.

Pre-Teaching:

- Looking at habitats and seasonal changes that occur which impact different species.

Key Vocabulary			
RE	English	Maths	Science
Covenant Promise Abraham Sarah Virtue Faith Old Testament	Graphic novel Panels Speech bubbles Direct speech Inverted comma Reporting clause Entertain Character Edit	Ones Tens Hundreds Thousands Grouping Regrouping	Living things Classification key Habitats Seasonal change

Homework: Rosary and maths homework can be found Teams.

Rosary	The First Luminous mystery. Due: Tuesday 30th September
Maths	Due: Tuesday 30th September
Spelling	'air' sound Due: Monday 29th September

National Teaching Assistant Day

Today is National Teaching Assistants' Day. This is an opportunity for us to recognise the invaluable role our TAs play in children's lives up and down the country.

At St. Anthony's we are hugely fortunate to have dedicated and committed teaching assistants, many of whom have worked at our school for several years.

It is impossible to list the number of tasks our teaching assistants perform daily.

They are there for the children in the classroom to help them with their work. They are there in the medical area when they feel unwell. They are there on the playground during playtimes. They are there at lunchtimes when the children are eating. Many of our TAs work with small groups of children or on a one-to-one basis.

They play a vital role in the children's progression.

Thank you to all our brilliant teaching assistants as we celebrate you today.

Have a lovely weekend,

Catherine, Emma & Rachel