

## Year 4 Update

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Happy New Year! We hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing break over Christmas. Thank you very much for the lovely cards and gifts that member of the Year 4 team received – we appreciate your kindness.

### **RE**

- This week we have celebrated the Epiphany Feast Day. We wrote acrostic poems about the Epiphany. We have also begun our new topic of 'Galilee to Jerusalem'. The children recreated a scene of John the Baptist preaching, and considered what the Jewish people gathered with him would have thought about the coming of the Messiah.

### **Pre-Teaching:**

- Next week, we will be studying Jesus' miracles, including 'Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law and others' (Matthew 8: 14-17)

### **English**

- This week, Padua compared Starbird to a new text, 'Ziraffe Giraffe'. The children worked hard to use appropriate fronted adverbials when describing various settings.
- This week, Lisbon continued with their newspaper articles.

### **Pre-teaching:**

- Next week, Padua will be using the texts as a basis for their own animal narratives.
- Next week, Lisbon will begin 'Starbird', looking at the structure of events in the story and different settings.

### **Maths**

- Padua have been calculating the perimeter of shapes. They have also calculated perimeter when some of the data is missing. Their My maths homework this week should consolidate their learning.
- Lisbon have been measuring mass this week and also completed some work on pictograms, solving problems by interpreting data.

### **Pre-Teaching:**

- Next week, the children will be exploring place value, including decimals.

### **Science**

- This week we have begun our new topic Electricity and Circuits. We explored how a circuit works and thought about mains and battery powered appliances.

### **Pre-Teaching:**

- Next week, we will be exploring the symbols of components and building circuits.

Key Vocabulary			
RE	English	Maths	Science
Messiah Christ Incarnation Kingdom Sacrament of the Sick Nicene Creed marginalised	<u>Padua</u> Fronted adverbial Comma Similarities and differences dialogue	<u>Padua</u> Perimeter Regular shape Irregular shape Unit of measurement Mm,cm,m,km	Electricity Current Component Battery Bulb Mains
	<u>Lisbon</u> Headline Report chronological	<u>Lisbon</u> Weight mass pictogram	

### **Homework:**

Rosary (On Teams)	The Fourth Joyful Mystery- Due: Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January
My Maths	Due: Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January

Please ensure that your child has the correct kit in for PE -

Indoor PE is gymnastics (Balancing and Jumping Unit) for which the children need their white T-shirt and red shorts.

For outdoor PE, Padua will be doing Football on Thursday afternoons and Lisbon will be doing Tennis on Friday mornings, so the children also require warm joggers and trainers (no studded football boots).

Have a lovely weekend,

Catherine & Emma