

Year 4 Update

Friday 18th September 2026

Morning Routine

To help ensure a calm and safe start to the school day, we kindly ask parents and carers to leave once the bell has rung.

To encourage children's independence, we ask that parents do not wait with their child by the line. The playground can become very busy at this time, and allowing children to line up independently helps the morning routine run smoothly and safely for everyone.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

RE

This week, we looked at who Abraham was and how he was important to God. We shared the story of 'Abram and Sarai', who later became 'Abraham and Sarah' and explored how their lives changed after speaking to God.

Pre-Teaching:

Next Week we will be considering how Abraham showed his faith and trust in God (Genesis 18:1-15) and learning about Cardinal Manning, a man who exemplified faith made active in love through his life and work.

English

This week, the children imagined a new mission for Arthur. They worked in groups to create a freeze-frame of their mission to further develop their ideas. They drew pictures to 'zoom in' and 'zoom out' of the action of their missions.

Pre-teaching:

Next Week, we will continue to plan and then create a graphic novel page for their chosen mission. The children will get their graphic novel pages 'reader-ready', which means their missions are told clearly and can be understood by their intended audience.

Maths

This week the children have been ordering and comparing 4-digit numbers. They have begun to identify number magnitude using number lines and have also estimated numbers using different representations.

Pre-Teaching:

Next week we will be rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

A link to pre-teach this concept can be found at

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zpx2qty#z3bbmbk

Science

This week, we have been exploring different plants and sorting them in different categories. The children drew a pictogram to sort flowering and non-flowering plants.

Pre-Teaching:

Next week, we will be identifying and classifying birds. Please name common birds with your children, when you are out and about this weekend. From observations in the school grounds, the children should already be familiar with magpies, crows, pigeons and the local woodpecker that can occasionally be heard while the children are working at St. Anthony's!

Key Vocabulary			
RE	English	Maths	Science
Abraham Sarah Covenant Ancestors Old Testament Promise	Graphic novel Panels Speech bubbles Direct speech Inverted comma Reporting clause Entertain Character	Ones Tens Hundreds Thousands Place value. Number magnitude Estimating	Living things Plants Classification Diagram Taxonomist

Homework: Rosary homework has been handed out as a hard copy this week, along with the rosary books.

Rosary	Rosary Fact File Due: Tuesday 22 nd September
Maths	My Maths Due: Tuesday 22 nd September
Spelling	'er' sound Due: Monday 21 st September
Reading	Homework diaries will be collected in and signed on their Guided Reading day

Over the weekend, please check that your Teams account is working. Your log in is the same as previous years for example:

Username- this will be the number 22 followed by your whole first name and the first letter of your surname: **22AnthonyS@stanthonys.herts.sch.uk**

Password- this will be the same for everyone: **Autumn22**

- Thank you to all the parents who attended our 'New to Year 4' information evening. Those who were unable to attend should have received an email of the handout. We look forward to working with you to support your children this year.
- Please ensure that your child has a named Berol Handwriting Pen in school and a spare at home.
- All PE kit must be in school. Children will not be able to take part in PE lessons without the correct uniform.
- **Packed Lunches** - To help keep all children safe, we kindly ask that all **packed lunches and snacks brought into school are nut-free**. This includes peanuts, tree nuts, nut-based spreads (such as peanut butter, Nutella and some chocolate spreads), and products containing nuts. We have pupils in our school with severe nut allergies, and even small traces of nuts can cause serious allergic reactions. By working together, we can help ensure that our school remains a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.

Days for your Diary

- **Thursday 24th September**- Reading morning – 8.25 -8.45am, this will take place in our Activity Studio near the back of the school. If you would like to join you would be very welcome.
- **Thursday 24th September**- food donations.
- Grandparents/ Senior Citizen Afternoon- We would like to invite Grandparents into school for our special community afternoon to watch some entertainment the children have prepared. This will include singing and dancing performed by all the classes. This event will take place on **Tuesday 13th October at 2pm**. After the entertainment we will serve tea and cakes to our guests. The afternoon should finish at approx 3.20pm. If you would like Grandparents in your family to attend, please telephone the school office (01923 226987) to add your name to our Community Afternoon list so we have an idea of numbers.
- **Wednesday 7th October** – Nursery closed for children in the morning – School then closed for all children from 1.30pm – Staff Allergy Training
- **Friday 9th October** – Mufti Day for Alzheimer Society. Children to wear their own clothes to school exchange for a donation to the Alzheimer Society. Donations can be made via our School Gateway.

- **Monday 19th October** – Year 4 Assembly at 9.15am, for parents and carers.
- **Wednesday 21st October** – Tempest photography, individual photos.

Have a lovely weekend.

Catherine, Emma & Rachel