St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Autumn 1 Newsletter 2026



It is with great excitement that we welcome you into Year 4! This Year, I (Miss Copperwheat) cannot wait to be your class teacher and I know that our very talented TA Mrs Brazier feels the same about being part of the Year 4 team and the community that we intend to build this year.

We will work hard this year on building rapports with both the children and those of you at home to make sure that our school is a happy place for everyone in it. We strive for a classroom community that is happy, kind and that enables open communication. We are always happy to hear from you. As per last academic year, there are a few different ways for you to keep up to date with the goings on in Year 4. Please feel free to contact me via email at office@st-thomascanterbury.medway.sch.uk or for matters that only require a short, written response, you can contact me directly using the Class Dojo App.

As before, you will be receiving a 'House Keeping Curriculum Map' every half term, to update you on your child's learning journey. We will also be sending home regular homework related to our learning in class in order to support their progress. In Year 4, we ask that the children read to an adult at home as regularly as possible. This should be recorded in their Reading Record Books. Book changes will happen during Term 1 on a Friday, but we will monitor this and make changes next term if necessary. We also ask that the children practise their times tables frequently as they are of great importance to our leaning in Maths this Year. By the end of Year 4, the children are expected to know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12. All children will be taught how to access Times Table Rockstars independently, so please do make use of our subscription, children's log in codes are found on their reading record books.

Every week, your child will be sent home a piece of homework based on the handwriting and spelling practice taught that week. This year we are changing our handwriting scheme slightly, meaning we will be giving the children more time to work on their handwriting and letter formation. Homework will be due in on a Monday morning and all books will be returned on a Wednesday- marked and prepared with a new list/piece. It is important that the children begin to take greater responsibility over their own learning as they continue through the school, so we ask for your support in promoting independence when it comes to the completion of any homework.

We have an exciting Year of PE planned so it is important that the children are prepared with the correct kit on the appropriate days. The children will need to wear their PE kits upon arrival every Tuesday and Thursday.

Year 4 – Weekly Reminders	
Monday	1. All homework due in.
Tuesday	1. PE kits to be worn to school.
Wednesday	1. New homework set. 2. Ukulele lesson with Mrs Nicholas.
Thursday	1. PE kits to be worn to school.
Friday	1. Book changing day. 2. Library book changing day.

We're going to have a fantastic year!

Helping your child at home

Reading	Writing	Maths
Good readers make for good writers. It is important that we support the children in becoming resilient learners who read for pleasure. Regular reading is essential in any year group, so we ask for the children to be read with as much as possible at home. We recommend that all children - even confident readers who prefer to read to themselves, are heard reading aloud daily. Visiting the library is a great way to get children excited about reading. There are various libraries local to us that will welcome you into their reading community: • https://www.medway.gov.uk/directory/6/find_a_library	Your child will be sent home with new homework every Wednesday. Why not encourage them to try using a dictionary to practise finding the definitions for tricky or unfamiliar words on their lists? We will be focusing lots on uplevelling our vocabulary this year too, so beginning to use a thesaurus to explore synonyms would be great support. • https://kids.wordsmyth.net/we • https://kidthesaurus.com • ictgames.com	In Year 4, the expectations for mental arithmetic are slightly different that in the previous academic Year. This Year, our main focus is on our times tables all the way up to 12x12. • https://ttrockstars.com • https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check • https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button • https://www.mathsframe.co.uken/resources/caterg ory/7/multiplication-and-division









