



ST LUKE'S CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you have all had a wonderful and relaxing summer break.

For those who I have not yet met, my name is Miss Brier, and I am delighted to be joining the school this year as the Year 4 teacher. It has been a pleasure getting to know the children over the first few days, and I am so proud of how well they have settled into their new year group and routines.

Year 4 is an exciting year, with lots of opportunities for the children to develop their confidence, independence and resilience, whilst continuing to have plenty of fun along the way. We have lots of interesting learning and experiences planned for the year ahead, and I am really looking forward to seeing the children grow and flourish both academically and personally.

Thank you for your support as we begin the new school year. I look forward to working closely with you and your children throughout the year and making Year 4 a happy and successful one.

Here is an overview of our planned curriculum for the first Autumn term.

English- Shared text: Brightstorm – Vashti Hardy Diary Writing	Maths Place Value Addition and Subtraction
History Tudors	Science States of Matter
Geography Rivers	Computing Computing systems and networks – The Internet
RE The Gospel – What kind of world did Jesus want?	DT Sewing
French Phonetics	PE Fundamentals Ball Skills
Music Mamma Mia – pop from the 70's	PHSE Me and my relationships

Reading books and diaries

Reading is at the heart of what we do at St Luke's. Children should regularly take books home to read. Once reading diaries arrive, please ensure they are signed so that books can be changed. This year, we have a strong focus on developing reading comprehension skills, so please encourage your child to read a variety of texts at home. Good reading habits are beneficial for learning across the curriculum and for future success.

PE – Thursday and Friday

Children should come to school in their PE uniform (tracksuit with trainers; no football kits or clothes with logos, please). Clothing should be suitable for the weather, as some sessions will be outside. Earrings must be removed for health and safety reasons.

Homework

Homework will be set from Friday to Friday, online at **Atom Learning**, and will include Maths, English, and occasionally Science tasks. The first homework will be set on the 4th September and must be submitted by the following Friday 11th September. Please note that missed deadlines mean the task will no longer be available. House points will be awarded for completed homework.

Spellings

Spelling tests will take place every Tuesday. New spellings will be shared online for the children to practise at home throughout the week. Please ensure that your child keeps their spelling book in their school bag so that it is available in school when needed. Children can practise online at www.edshed.com using their login details. The first set of spellings will be given out in the week commencing 31st August, with the first test on Tuesday 8th September.

Mental Arithmetic Tests

To support fluency in Maths, children will complete weekly arithmetic tests every Monday morning. These form part of our classroom practice in preparation for end-of-year assessments. Over time, children should see increased confidence and improved scores. Tests will be marked and kept in school. TTRockstars is a beneficial tool in supporting children's mental arithmetic, so please encourage your child to engage with this platform.

Library

Children can borrow books from our library regularly. Please return library books after three weeks.

Bradgate House Visit

On 6th October, we will be visiting Bradgate House as part of our History topic on the Tudors. The children will have the opportunity to explore the ruins of this fascinating Tudor house and develop their understanding of what life was like during the Tudor period.

Staffing

I will be teaching Year 4 full-time, except for Mondays, when Mrs Odedra will teach the class while I have my planning time. This will ensure that the children have a consistent routine throughout the week and are well supported by both members of the Year 4 team.

As always, if you have any concerns, you can contact us via the school office, either by phone or email, or you can see me directly after school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Brier

Class Teacher