



St Marie's Primary School

**Year 4**  
**Mrs Borland**

**Class Information**  
**2017-2018**  
**Spring Term**

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Welcome back to the Spring term at St Marie's. We hope that you had a peaceful and relaxing break.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for their very generous gifts and Christmas wishes, all the Year 4 team were very touched.

**Homework in Year 4**

Years 3 and 4 - 1.5 hours per week (approximately)

**Activities:** Reading, Spelling, Comprehension, Grammar and Punctuation, Times Tables, Numeracy Skills, RE, Topic Work. Activities Homework will not, in general, be used to finish off work started in class.

The school believes that a regular pattern is important, particularly for English and Mathematics.

**Homework Expectations: (Weekly)**

- Read regularly (every day if possible!) and record the books which have been read on a reading sheet or reading record book. A sentence about what they have read is even better!
- Learn spelling lists. There will be a spelling test on Tuesdays.
- Complete one test from Schofield and Sims (or spend half an hour on Schofield and Sims maths work every week.)

**Homework may also include the following:**

- On-going topic work.
- Writing or punctuation and grammar (SPaG) activities.
- Research/ projects linked to other subject areas.

**In this class, homework is given out on **Friday** and is to be returned the following **Wednesday**.**

<b>Reading and Comprehension</b>	Please ensure that your child reads for at least 20 minutes at home every day. They can record the books they read in their reading record book or reading sheet. Please try to listen to your child read at least three times a week (more if possible!) and check their understanding by asking questions about what they are reading. The children will earn reward points for handing in their reading chart or reading record book with evidence of reading.
<b>Mathematics Homework</b>	The children will be given a Schofield and Sims maths book to work in each week. They are expected to spend approximately half an hour working in their book and complete no more than one test per week. Please encourage your child to work independently but provide support if needed.
<b>Spellings to learn</b>	Your child will usually be given a list of spellings to learn. Please encourage your child to learn them in a multi-sensory way- see the school website for videos which illustrate this.
<b>Other</b>	The children will also be given other activities to do including research and topic work. Spelling, punctuation and grammar activities will be set using an online site called 'spag.com'.

**In Year 4, the children will be given a homework letter which contains all the homework activities for each half term.**

All homework can also be found on the Year 4 class page on the school website <http://www.st-maries.sheffield.sch.uk/index.php/classes/year-4>

## Additional Information (Reading/Writing/Maths)

### Year 4 Key Vocabulary

English Key Vocabulary		Mathematics Key Vocabulary	
air raid	blackout	tenth	estimate
phoney	propaganda	hundredth	compare
evacuation	victory	expanded	perimeter
siren	rationing	decomposition	area

RE Topic Words	Science Topic Words	Topic Key Vocabulary
community commitment responsibility	solid liquid gas materials state measure temperature evaporation condensation	evacuee telegram air raid drill air raid shelter Allies allotment Axis Powers blackout Blitz 'blitzkrieg' British Empire civilians
Communion Liturgy of the Word Concluding rite Introductory rite Penitential act		
self-discipline effort potential Lent Easter Resurrection fasting alms giving		

### This term, we will be learning about

Religious Education	English	Mathematics
<p>This term the children will be taught the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local church: Community</li> <li>Eucharist-relating: Giving and Receiving</li> <li>Lent/Easter-Giving: Sacrifice</li> <li>World faith: Islam</li> </ul>	<p>This term we will continue with our 'Science Fiction' topic and then move on to 'World War II'- linked to our local history topic.'</p> <p><u>Writing:</u> We will be covering: diary writing, story writing, descriptive writing, newspaper report writing, persuasive writing and playscript writing.</p> <p><u>SPAG:</u> (Spelling, punctuation and grammar) This is taught in school to ensure that children understand how to write correctly and know the terminology used to describe the English language. We will be teaching children about different word types, including: nouns (common nouns, proper nouns, pronouns, abstract nouns and collective nouns) verbs, adverbs, adjectives, determiners, conjunctions and prepositions. We will also be teaching children about tense, including the present perfect and past progressive.</p> <p>For spelling, we use a scheme called 'Word Blaze.' Your child will be given weekly spelling lists to learn, based on the spelling lessons in school and also from the National Curriculum Y3/4 word list.</p>	<p>This term the children will be taught the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Subtraction</b> <i>Using expanded decomposition to subtract.</i></li> <li><b>Place value, Decimals and negative numbers</b></li> <li><b>Written addition and subtraction</b> <i>(Using written methods to add, subtract and solve problems.)</i></li> <li><b>Multiplication and division</b> <i>(Recall xtable facts up to 12x12; use written methods to solve problems)</i></li> <li><b>Geometry: shapes and co-ordinates</b> <i>(Describe and classify 2D/3D shapes according to their properties. Plot co-ordinates on a grid.)</i></li> <li><b>Decimals and Fractions</b></li> <li><b>Measurement and data.</b> <i>(Use different units of measure. Calculate perimeter, solve time problems and estimate, compare and calculate different measures, including money in pounds and</i></li> </ul>

		<i>pence. Use and create charts and graphs .)</i>
<b>Science</b>	<b>Computing and Online Safety</b>	<b>Physical Education and Sport</b>
This term we will begin with a topic entitled States of Matter. In this unit, the children will investigate solid, liquids and gases, including their properties. They will also learn about the processes in which changes in state occur and which are irreversible/reversible	This term we will be focussing particularly on online safety, particularly during 'Safer Internet Day 2017' and also how software can be used to perform tasks and achieve goals, including storing/searching for information in databases and presenting information.	PE is taught on Thursday afternoons by SUCF (Sheffield united Community football.)  <i>Children can come to school in their PE kit on Thursdays.</i>  <i>Please make sure all items of clothing are labelled. No jewellery is allowed to be worn in PE lessons.</i>
<b>French</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Art / D&amp;T</b>
This term the children will continue to learn basic conversation in French.	This term the children will continue to follow the 'Charanga' scheme to learn about rhythm, pulse, pitch and use percussion instruments.	This term, the children will be learning about the work of Claude Monet. They will also take part in art and DT activities related to their WW2 topic.
<b>History / Geography</b>	<b>Personal / Social / Health</b>	<b>Topic</b>
We will be investigating what it means to be a global caretaker and how we can actively look after the world. This unit of work will focus on the use of fossil fuels and its impact on global warming and climate change. Children are helped to understand how they can personally make a difference, through simple actions such as reducing, reusing and recycling.	This term, the children will learn about emotional health.	The children's learning will be linked mainly to the English/ history topic : World War II

## Year 4 Timetable

Please note that Year 4 have PE on Thursdays. They can come in to school in their PE kit on this day.

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	9:00 9:10		10.10- 10.40	10:40 11:00	11.00- 12:00	12:00 13:00			15:00 15:20	
Monday	SPAG/ Lexia	English	RE	B	Maths	L		Computing	Art/DT	Whole School assembly
Tuesday	SPAG/ Activate	English	RE	R	Maths	U	Guided reading	PSHE/ Handwriting	Music	Class Novel: Carrie's War
Wednesday Mrs Armstrong	Big Maths/ Beat That	RE	French	E	Geography	N	Guided reading	Science		
Thursday	Maths/ Activate	English	RE	A	Maths	C	Guided reading	PPA PE with SUCF/ PSHE (Emotional health)		
Friday	Maths/ Activate	English	RE	K	Maths	H	Guided reading	RE/ Comprehension	P4C Debate	Whole School assembly

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