Year 4
Autumn 1-Mrs Chesworth

Our Year 4 Stewardship Mission: We believe God has given us the gift of creation and calls us to be its stewards. We will look after our school, our classroom, and our school community. We will look after God's world and care for all that He has made. God gave us the earth as a gift, and it is our job to use it wisely by making choices that help people and the planet. By being good stewards, we show love for God, for each other, and for the world around us

AUTUMN 1 CREATION and COVENANT



English
We will inspire the children's writing skills using an emotive story represented through the video 'The Lighthouse'. They will then use this to write a first-person diary account. We will develop our range of writing skills further, by writing a list of instructions based on a text.

The children will develop their grammar and punctuation skills, demonstrating understanding through application in writing. We will continue to explore and enrich our range of vocabulary. Handwriting will be taught discreetly and practised regularly. We will revise and learn new spelling patterns in class and focus on using these accurately in writing throughout the curriculum. We love listening to stories in our class and this half term we will be reading The BFG by Roald Dahl. In October we will also be celebrating National Poetry Day on the 1st October and for homework the children will learn a poem to perform at school.

Science
Our first science topic this year will be 'Living things and their habitats'. We will learn about the variety of ways living things can be grouped, explore classification keys and recognize that environments can change and that can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

Computing
We will develop their word-processing skills by creating, editing and formatting digital documents. They will learn how to organise text and images, share documents and work collaboratively with others. Pupils also use these skills to create presentations for a particular purpose and audience.

Art
Craft and Design – Fabric of Nature
We are looking forward to linking the scientific and artistic skills of mother nature. Using the flora and fauna of tropical rainforests as a starting point, children will develop their drawings through experimentation and textile-based techniques to design a repeating pattern suitable for fabric.

Spanish
We are very excited to begin our journey learning Spanish. The children will learn simple greetings, pleasantries and commands.

Religion
We are excited to be using the new Religious Education directory for Catholic Schools, The Vine and The Branches.
Creation and Covenant
We will learn the story of Abraham and recognise that God's Covenant is the foundations of the Faith. The children will have opportunities to Discern and Respond to their learning in a variety of ways.

Maths
In year 4 the children will be learning about number and the place value of 4-digit numbers, addition and subtraction and measure.
We will be doing this through concrete and pictorial resources in order to deepen their understanding and problem-solving ability. By then end of year 4 children will need to know all their times tables to 12 x 12. We will teach these in school and if parents can reinforce this learning at home too, through TT Rockstars, that would be really beneficial.

PE
The children will have PE each week on a Tuesday and on a Thursday. Please wear PE kits on these days. They will be studying a range of ball control, balance and agility through hockey and fundamental skills will support the development of running at different speeds, skipping, balancing and hopping.

Where is God in our Learning? In Year 4, our learning is not just about gaining knowledge and skills – it is about growing in wisdom, character, and faith. God is at the heart of everything we do, and each subject offers an opportunity to see His presence more clearly. In **History**, as we study The Ancient Greeks, we will discuss and compare beliefs and think about how humans across time have searched for meaning and that their worldview was deeply shaped by their understanding of the divine. As we explore **Art** in nature, we will foster reflection, prayer, and an appreciation for beauty and also encourage pieces of artwork that reflect the school's Catholic mission through RE-linked pieces. In **Science**, our topic is 'Living things and their habitats' and so we will deepen our knowledge and belief in the gift and wonder of the world around us. In **English**, as we learn to write well, we will use the gift of language to share truth, beauty and goodness. In **Maths**, as we master number, we will recognise order and pattern as signs of God's wisdom and grow in perseverance.

Music
Body and tuned percussion (Theme: Rainforests)
A topic of discovery; children will explore the rainforest through music and be introduced to new musical terms. They will also use a mixture of body percussion and tuned percussion instruments as the children create their own rhythms of the rainforest, layer by layer.

History
We will be looking at the Ancient Greeks throughout the term, exploring different aspects of Ancient Greek life, including their impact on our lives now. We will use a variety of sources including, Greek Myths.

PSHE
We will be getting used to our new surroundings and working on getting along together, developing respect and tolerance and making the best of our opportunities. We will mark **World Mental Health Day on 9th October** and learn to identify mental health worries and sources of support.