



ST. STEPHEN'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

We Model What We Value



Year 4 Term 4 Newsletter

We hope that you have had a lovely week, and are looking forward to the term ahead. Please spend some time reading our Curriculum Overview which outlines the main focus this term in each subject. We have some exciting activities in store, linked to our curriculum, including a **Viking Day on the 1st March** where your child can choose to come to school **dressed as a Viking**.

Reading

Quality reading time is built into each school day, but we do also encourage all children to read for at least 15 minutes each day at home, sharing this reading with an adult.

We have timetabled library slots so that children can change reading books regularly, and we ask that the children complete an AR quiz after each book where possible. Your child has their own username and password which they should already be using regularly, but please request on dojo if you need it again.

Spelling

Children will continue to be given a spelling list of 10 words each week on a Monday, which they should practise in preparation for a spelling test on the following Monday. Before we set these, we will have taught the words and practised them together in class. It is important that the children also practise these spellings at home throughout the week, checking their understanding of the meaning of the words.

Times Tables

In year 4, the children are expected to work towards a recall of all times tables facts up to 12x12. We teach times tables regularly, within maths lessons and as a separate activity. Every fortnight we focus on a different times table, building it up for our display, playing games and singing songs to help rapid recall. The children will use Times Tables Rockstars in school to support their learning, but please do encourage them to use this site to continue their practise at home.

https://ttrockstars.com

Individual logins can be requested by dojo if your child has lost/forgotten it.

Equipment

Please can we ask all children to come to school with a pencil case containing:

Blue handwriting pen

Pencil

Ruler

Sharpener

Glue stick

Purple pen

They may also choose to bring colouring pens/pencils

Reminders

Finally, please ensure your child comes to school each day with a water bottle and coat.

Our P.E days are Mondays and Wednesdays. Please send children into school in their P.E kits on these days.

The correct school uniform should be worn every day.

We are here to help, so please let us know if you have any concerns by chatting when you collect your child, sending a message via dojo, or by contacting the school office. We will always aim to return calls and answer queries as quickly as possible.