**St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School**

**Headteacher: Mrs M Keating**

“Learn, Love and Respect Through Jesus” St Francis of Assisi

## CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST

**Year 3 and 4 Curriculum Letter**

Friday 25th April 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the Summer Term, I hope you all enjoyed the sunshine over the Easter break. We have a very busy and exciting term ahead of us, especially with our residential trip.

Our English topics this term are writing persuasive letters using the text Malala’s Magic Pencil, creating a non-chronological report about play and writing free verse poetry. Our final unit is writing to entertain using the story ‘The Girl who Stole an Elephant.’ We will continue with group reading, spellings and handwriting every week.

In Maths Year 3 will be working on fractions, money, time, shapes and statistics. Year 4 will be learning about decimals, money, time, shapes, statistics and position and direction. Year 4 will also be working towards the Multiplication Check and will be having weekly timed practices.  Multiplication booster will continue on Wednesday after school for Year 4.

Our RE focuses will be ‘Celebrating Easter and Pentecost’ and ‘Belonging to the church’. The first topic will be looking at the events occurring around Easter, how we celebrate these and what is meant by Pentecost. ‘Belonging to the church’ looks at the wider Catholic community and our part in it.  We will also be studying the Sikh faith.

Our history is all about the Romans. We will learn about the Roman invasion of Britain and the impact it had. We will find out about the resistance by Boudicca as well as looking at Roman artefacts including mosaics-which will form the basis of our art topic. Our Art and DT topics will link closely to the Romans studying Roman Mosaics and designing, sewing and decorating Roman money bags.

In geography we will complete our learning on earthquakes and volcanoes then the children will be looking at cities in the Americas. This will include what makes a city, how they develop and comparing city life to different parts of the continents. This is a great opportunity for the children to broaden their geographical knowledge and look at life in different parts of the world.

We have a busy term of science; our focus will be on light and sound. This topic will include identifying how sounds are made, finding patterns between pitches and the objects which make the sounds, measure the strength of vibrations, recognise the light is reflected from different surfaces and light from the sun can be dangerous.

Our Computing Year 3 will be learning about Creating Media using Desktop Publishing – creating documents by modifying text, images and page layouts for a specific purpose. Year 4 will be learning about Photo Editing – manipulating digital images and reflecting on the impact of changes and using Paint for Windows.

Music lessons will continue to be on a Tuesday with our music specialist, Mrs Earl and Mrs K Clark will continue to lead French.

In PSHE this term, we will have important topics that cover relationships and changes in our bodies as we grow. There will be a separate letter to summarise this key content, and parents will be offered the chance to view materials used to teach in the 2nd half of the summer term. Details to follow.

PE will continue to be on a Friday with Mr Fitzgerald and the children will have PE lessons based on Tennis, Rounders and Athletics. The children are also required to have their P.E kit school Monday-Thursday. They can come to school in their P.E kit on Friday but must have their school uniform to get changed into after the lesson.

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| **Key Dates** | |
| **14th-16th May** | Lincolnsfield Residential Trip |
| **3rd -13th June** | Year 4 Multiplication Check Testing Window |
| **6th June at 2.45pm** | Year 3 and 4 Prayer Service |
| **11th June - pm** | Year 3 and 4 mini tennis (team selected) |
| **18th June - am** | Lawn Bowls (10 children – team selected) |
| **19th June** | Mass and Holy Communion Tea Party |
| **10th July** | Moving up day – transition to new year group |
| **15th July – pm performance**  **16th July – afterschool performance** | Key Stage 2 play performances |

 Homework will continue to be set via Seesaw on a Friday. Our weekly spelling test will be on a Friday. The children will have a long spelling test of the Common Exception words on Wednesday the 7th of May. There will be no new spellings to learn until after this test.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. Please send me an email via mrsgilbert@stcanterbury.herts.sch.uk

 Kind regards,

Mrs S Gilbert Year 3 and 4 Class Teacher