



YEAR 4

Spring Term 2026

Dear children and families,

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely holiday and a good break. Thank you very much for my gift at the end of term. We had a very productive and exciting Autumn term, and we are looking forward to another term full of learning, exploring and having fun. We will continue to encourage the children to become independent learners and take risks with their learning, to persevere and learn from mistakes. There will also be plenty more opportunities to work together; co-operating and solving problems by talking to others. As ever, if you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me through the school office admin@stpeter.sch.je and I will respond as promptly as I can. Thank you for all your continued support.

Mrs Hayward

English in Year 4...

We will be reading 'Winter's Child' and creating our own next chapter called 'Spring's Child'. We will also be reading 'How to be a Viking' to link with our topic on the Vikings and writing a persuasive job description for a Viking explorer. We will practice grammatical skills such as fronted adverbials and using a range of conjunctions. The children are encouraged to read 'real' books and are asked to select books they're interested in and to read these regularly making their own comments (twice a week) in their reading records focusing on different reading skills.

Maths in Year 4...

This term there will be an emphasis on multiplication and division. We will practice our mental calculations and multiplication facts which will help us calculate more efficiently.

We will also look at length and perimeter, fractions and decimals. As we start to look at some newer and trickier concepts, please ensure your child continues to practice their times tables knowledge, including the inverse as this will help in many different areas of maths.

Other subjects

Science: For the first half term, we will focus on electricity, including making circuits and understanding electrical safety. For the second half term, we will focus on sound, learning about how sounds are made and how they travel to our ears.

History: This term we will be exploring the Vikings! We will look at the timeline of their invasion and settlement and explore different sources of information and what we can learn from these. We will also have a go at making our own Viking shields.

RE: We will explore Hinduism. We will understand what Hindus believe about God and think about how Hindus might live.

General Information...

Our **PE** days this term will be on **Monday and Tuesday**. We will also have our **swimming** session on **Thursday**. For this, children need to come to school in their PE kit, with their swimming gear (costume, hat, towel, goggles) in a bag that they can put their wet gear into afterwards.

Please make sure all school uniform, including P.E. kit is named. Long hair must be tied back at school and please ensure that the children don't wear jewellery (stud earrings and a watch are allowed). The children should not wear tattoos or nail varnish to school.

Dates for your Diary

Swimming – Starts on **Thursday 8th January** and runs every week of the spring term **except for Thursday 26th March** due to the Swimarathon event being held at the pool.

Wednesday 14th January – Trip to Hamptone for the third session of our 'Rural Communities' programme.

Jersey music service project – Starts **Tuesday 13th January** and runs every week for 10 weeks. See letter for additional information.

Ways to help:

Please help your child at home by ensuring they are completing their homework each week. Websites such as reading eggs and times tables rockstars are also available. Please get in touch if you are not sure how to access these.