ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

YEAR: 4 **TERM 1** **CURRICULUM OVERVIEW**

Mathematics

Following White Rose Maths' Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract (CPA) approach to mastery, this term we will be developing on our understandings of Place Value, Addition and Subtraction.

Times Tables are of great importance to the children's learning this year. Towards the end of year 4, there will be an online Multiplication Tables Check for all Year 4 pupils. We will ensure to prioritise tables practise weekly but would appreciate any support that you can provide your child with at home too (ten minutes of Times Tables Rockstars daily, will make a world of difference!).

RE

Everyone belongs to the family of God. It is in the love of a family that most Christians first experience the reality of church. This term, the children will therefore be exploring the importance of family by taking a look at the Domestic Church.

We will be looking into the story of Abraham where we discuss topics of hope and love.

English

Our class text for term 1 is 'The Boy Whole Stole the Pharaoh's Lunch'. This links with a History topic, which is Ancient Egyptians. Year 4's English writing in term 1 will be non-fiction instruction writing where children will write a set of instructions on how to mummify an Egyptian body! They will also learn to write a piece of fiction, which will be a character description linked with our class text.

English writing will be delivered through a cycle of comprehension, reading a WAGOLL (What A Good One Looks Like), drafting, editing and publishing.

Art and Design

Through our 'Power Prints' topic, we will work on creating several pencil tones when shading and creating a simple 3D effect. We will try holding pencils in different ways and applying different pressures. We will use different media to explore light and dark and use tools to experiment with mark making and patterns.

Computing

This term, the children will learn about preventing and dealing with cyberbullying; how to use search engines efficiently; how to avoid plagiarism online; and how to be a good digital citizen.

Physical Education

Year 4 children will be taking part in two hours of sport per week. This year, we are lucky enough to be receiving specialist coaching from Mr Bilal, who will teach a range of sports on the PE curriculum, including Netball, Football, Tennis and more. Children will be taught the skills needed for each sport as well as the rules of the game.

RSHE

In Module One – 'Created and Loved by God', the children will learn the importance of individual differences, investigate the topic of Puberty and changing bodies, explore emotional wellbeing and understand how life exists before birth.

History

This term we will be investigating 'Ancient Egypt'. During this in-depth study of the Ancient Egyptian Era, your child will learn about how and where the Ancient Egyptians lived, how they communicated and their greatest achievements. We will compare the powers of the Egyptian Gods and investigate the impact of the All-Powerful Pharaohs upon their civilisation.

Science

This term, our main focus will be on states of matter and the differences between solids, liquids and gases. We will be discussing and finding out how liquid can evaporate into a gas and how it can be frozen into a solid. We will also be looking at why and how these changes occur.

Music

This year children will be learning the ukulele during class Music lessons. Alongside this, year 4 will also be taught the Music curriculum using Charanga. This term we are learning about 1970's pop music, including hits by ABBA!

French

In our French lessons we will be engaging in a topic called 'All Around Town'. In this unit, our class will learn to develop their intercultural understanding by being introduced to the sights of some typical French cities.