



**Meet the Teacher - Class 4B**



*A welcome message from Mrs Bancroft*

Welcome to a new and exciting school year! I am thrilled to be your child's Year 4 teacher, and I can't wait to embark on this incredible journey of learning and growth together. This year, Class 4B will be supported by Miss Manning, who brings experience working with Year 4 children. Her gentle and caring nature is sure to foster the development of confidence among the children in the class and instil a love of learning in all areas of the curriculum! I have proudly worked at St. John Vianney for 19 years, with 14 of those years dedicated to being a class teacher, where I have gained valuable experience in both Key Stage 1 and 2. St John Vianney truly has a special place in my heart, as I attended this school as a child and both my daughters Sienna (who now attends St Mary 's) and Mitzee (currently in Year 3) are part of the SJV family too! The upcoming year holds new excitement

as I embark on teaching Year 4 whilst taking on the role of Year 3 and 4 Team Leader. My commitment to education extends to leading English throughout the school. I am deeply passionate about fostering enjoyable learning experiences for all students by catering to various learning styles. I strongly believe in the significance of oracy skills, as they empower learners to think critically, collaborate in reasoning, and articulate their knowledge and understanding effectively.

Our classroom will be a place where curiosity thrives, and discussions are rich with thought-provoking questions. I am committed to providing endless opportunities for each of your children to flourish, explore, and discover their unique strengths and talents. Building positive relationships is at the heart of what I do and through fostering these relationships - I can work alongside you to support your children in all areas of school life so they reach their full potential. Year 4 - *there are boundless opportunities awaiting us, and together, we will embark on a journey of exploration and growth!*

At St John Vianney we believe everything we do is for the greater glory of God and through Jesus we seek to grow as a caring Catholic community in faith and love; knowledge and understanding; aspiration and independence.

## The Year 4 Team and Learning Environment



**Our Senior Leaders:** Mrs C. Evans (Headteacher) Mr P. Duffy (Deputy Headteacher) Mrs K. Arrowsmith (Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO) **The Year 4 Team:**

**Mrs N. Bancroft** (Class 4B Class Teacher and Year 3 and 4 Team Leader)

**Miss A. Manning** (Class 4B's Teaching Assistant)



**Miss L. Collins-Campbell** (*Class 4CC Class Teacher*) **Mrs J. Connor** (*Class 4CC's Teaching Assistant*)

**Mrs D. Blyth** (*HTLA Cover Class 4B*) **Mr C. Hitchon** (*HTLA Cover in both Year 4 classes*) If at any time during the school year you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school to arrange a convenient time to meet with your child's class teacher. We want to work together to create a strong home and school partnership to ensure that we meet all the needs of your child.





## The Year 4 Curriculum



Year 4 holds a pivotal role in a child's educational journey. It's a year where foundational skills are honed and confidence soars. Reading forms the cornerstone of success across various subjects in the curriculum, as it provides the fundamental skills needed for effective learning. By developing accuracy and fluency in reading, children build a strong foundation that supports their overall academic growth. To foster this essential skill, it's important for children to engage in regular reading both at home and at school. The ability to read fluently opens the doors to a world of knowledge and imagination, enhancing comprehension across subjects and develop vocabulary acquisition. Likewise, mastering all times tables lays the groundwork for strong mathematical proficiency, enabling quick problem-solving and building a solid foundation for more complex concepts. Year 4 sets the stage for academic success and a lifelong love for learning in Maths, making it an essential and transformative year for every child. During the summer term of Year 4, students participate in a formal test to assess their multiplication skills. This test is known as the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC), and it's designed to help children in English primary schools improve their multiplication abilities. This test aims to support and enhance children's understanding of multiplication, and throughout Year 4, we will place a special emphasis on developing their multiplication skills, which will play a crucial role in helping them gain confidence and fluency in mathematics.

In Year 4, the children are in for an exciting array of educational adventures, including a whole-school outing to the Pantomime! Additionally, they will explore historical significance during a visit to Quarry Bank Mill and engage in an additional learning experience through a locally-focused trip, enriching their understanding of their local area. As in previous Years, the children will also be given the opportunity to experience outdoor learning activities, including a visit to the High Ropes course and water sports at Stanley Park.



## Year 4 Curriculum RE and St John Vianney Catholic Life



Our curriculum continues to place significant importance on Religious Education (RE), ensuring its central role in shaping children's learning experiences. In Year 4, children will focus on enhancing their abilities to describe, provide reasoning, and establish connections with greater precision, particularly when exploring and drawing insights from the teachings of the Bible and our faith. At St John Vianney, we believe in the transformative power of a Catholic education. Our mission is to nurture the complete potential of every young individual, guiding them to lead lives that are forever influenced by the Spirit and the presence of Christ by *'Seeking Growth Together through Jesus'*. Rooted in Gospel values and the teachings of the Catholic Church, our educational approach focusses on the holistic development of each child. As a result, we prioritise the development of each child, valuing their personal journey of faith, compassion, and service to others as much as the academic excellence we provide. Through this comprehensive approach, we aim to nurture children who not only excel academically but also carry the light of Christ into their lifelong endeavours, making a positive impact in the world around them. Bringing our children together as year groups to attend Mass creates a powerful sense of unity and community within our school. These shared spiritual experiences allow our children to witness the beauty of worship and faith in a collective setting. Additionally, celebrating feast days as a school further deepens our connection to our Catholic heritage, providing meaningful opportunities for reflection, gratitude, and devotion to the teachings of the Church. On special feast days and occasions, we extend an open invitation to all our families, warmly welcoming you to join us in these celebrations. Throughout the term, Children's Liturgy takes place during the 11.15am Mass at St John Vianney, led by our school teachers. This allows children and their families to participate in Mass while the children engage with the Gospel on a level suitable for them in the Chapel. Fr Loughran welcomes families to Mass and then invites the children to join the liturgy and they are supervised and then return to Mass before the celebration for the Eucharist. Your presence with us would be greatly appreciated and welcomed.



## Additional Information



- PE Days and Swimming



Children in Year 4 are required to wear their full SJV PE kits each Monday and Thursday. On these days, it is mandatory for all children to be dressed in their complete SJV PE kit, comprising the PE sports jacket and the green SJV t-shirt. Additionally, they may wear plain black jogging bottoms or shorts, along with white or black trainers as part of their PE attire. Each Thursday, the children will be participating in swimming lessons, and detailed information regarding this has been communicated through the school app but we ask that for ease the children come to school in PE kits (as above) and their swimming kit in a small bag.

- **X (formally known as Twitter)**

We use X as an online platform to share the children's learning experiences with parents and families, this allows us to share insights into learning inside the classroom on a daily basis! It's simple to join X and follow **#SJVYear4** and our school account **@sjvblackpool**. We welcome positive comments and feedback on this platform. Furthermore, our school website's curriculum pages also display these tweets, providing an additional avenue for engagement. Our school website: [St John Vianney Catholic Primary School | English Hubs \(stjohnvianneys.co.uk\)](https://stjohnvianneys.co.uk)

- **Newsletters**

Expect to receive regular newsletters containing updates on school-wide news, awards, and important dates such as class assemblies and whole school, year group or class events. Additionally, our school app will remain a reliable channel for efficiently communicating essential information to you.



