So, how can you help at home?

It would be extremely helpful if you would take time to read with your child every night and talk to them about the book they are reading. Support them by asking them about the plot, and the characters, how they think the story might continue, and when they finish a book, ask them if they would recommend it to a friend!

Please do not forget to write a comment in your child's reading diary!

Please also come to our book looks and have a look at your child's work and targets.

We will communicate with you through the school weekly newsletter, and as a phase we will inform you of out of school learning opportunities as they get near, so please check your child's reading packet everyday.

If you would like to support the school ethos, then you are always most welcome to attend Mass either at school or at the Parish church of St Mary and St Benedict .

If you have any questions, please come and speak with any member of the Year 3 and 4 team.

Thank you.



St Mary and St Benedict Catholic Primary School

3/4 Learning Leaflet

Issue 1 **September 2026**

Meet the team:

Mrs Sharman

Mrs Thomas

Mrs Ennis

Mr Noonan

Miss Doust

Ms Whalley

Mr Leybourne

Mr Stanley

Welcome back!

Welcome back! This half term our curriculum topic is called 'Walk like an Egyptian'.

The majority of our learning this term will be based on Ancient Egypt where we have many exciting opportunities planned. Our teaching and learning will also have a geographical focus about the climate and landmarks and features of Egypt such as the River Nile.

Our English will be based around texts such as Cinderella of the Nile which links nicely to our topic.

In mathematics there will be a greater emphasis on learning known number facts.

The children will continue to be taught according to their needs for Reading and Writing and will continue to access our 'Read, Write Inc' schemes.

All children will also have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument this year with-in curriculum time.

As the school term develops, we will post information and examples of the children's work on the Year 3 and 4 pages of the school website. The address for the school website is:

Even better if...

You can make sure that your child attends school daily and arrives on time. Classroom doors open at 8.30am.

Please ensure you and your child write a comment in their reading diary every night to show us that they have been reading at home.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on a Wednesday. If your child attends sports clubs after school they will need to bring **a suitable kit to change in to after school.**

Year 4 pupils will also need to remember their swimming kit on Wednesdays. The first swimming session will begin on **Wednesday 9th September**. Please see a member of staff if you have any questions.

Many Thanks.

The Autumn Term Curriculum

Maths

⇒ Number and place value

⇒ Addition and subtraction

⇒ Properties of shape

⇒ Fractions

⇒ Decimals

⇒ Measurement (mass)

Walk like an Egyptian

English: Fiction

'Cinderella of the Nile' by Beverley Naidoo

There's a Pharaoh in Our Bath by Jeremy Strong

'Small in the City' by Sydney Smith

'The Tower' by Joseph Coelho

Non-Fiction

'The Story of Tutankhamun'

Science

Light and Shadows

Investigating sources of light and investigating shadows

Understanding transparent, translucent and opaque

Planning and carrying out an Investigation based on measuring shadows

Humanities

What do objects that have survived tell us about life in Ancient Egypt? Why was the River Nile important for the Ancient Egyptians? What is the connection between the tombs and the pyramids?

A visit from 'Portals to the Past' on the 8th October

R.E.

We will explore the Creation story in Genesis and learn that every person is made in the image and likeness of God. We will think about the importance of human dignity and why everyone should be valued and respected.

We will explore our responsibility as stewards of God's creation, considering how we can care for our world and our common home. We will also learn why Sunday is a special day for Christians.

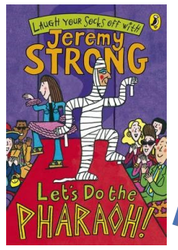
We will learn about prophets and how they shared God's messages and promises with His people. We will explore Advent as a time of waiting and hope and learn how the prophets foretold the coming of the Messiah.

We will explore the Nativity story and consider how Mary and Joseph responded to God's plan with faith and trust.

These are some of the texts we will be reading in class...

Each term we will be focusing on a famous children's Author. This term our Author study is based on texts written by Jeremy Strong. Please read some of his books with your children at home.







Key Dates for the Autumn Term

Wednesday 2nd September	**Children return to school. Welcome back!**
Tuesday 8th September	Our Lady's Birthday Mass
Tuesday 8th September	Y3/4 Class meetings 3.00pm
Wednesday 9th September	Swimming begins (Y4) PE - Ball skills (Y3)
Tuesday 29th September	Y3/4 attend parish mass
Friday 2nd October	CAFOD Harvest Fam Fast Day (non-uniform)
Thursday 8th October	Portals to the Past visiting Y3 and 4
	Please dress as an Egyptian!
Friday 23rd October	*Children break up for half term*
Thursday 3rd December	**Parent Celebration of the word Y3 and 4 2.30 pm**
Monday 7th December	KS2 Mass in the hall
Monday 14th December	KSI/KS2 Mass in the hall
Monday 14th December	KS2 Book look
Tuesday 15th December	Children's Christmas dinner
Friday 18th December	*Children break up for Christmas Holiday*











