

A warm welcome from the Year 4 team.



St Dominic Savio Catholic Primary School

Mission Statement

Serve the Lord with Joy

Joyful
Worship



We love Jesus and the Gospel Values inspire us to worship Him as we pray and sing.

Joyful
Learning



Every child works hard and enjoys learning new things to achieve their very best.

Joyful
Community



We work together with kindness, caring for one another in our homes, school, Parishes and our wider global family.

St Dominic Savio Catholic Primary School

MEMBERS OF STAFF

Teachers:

Danube Class:

Mrs Rahman (Monday and Tuesday)

Mrs Bundy (Wednesday to Friday)

Murray Class:

Mrs Wright (Monday to Thursday)

Mrs Shabir (Cover each Friday)



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We are aiming for **98%+ attendance**, which is closely monitored.

Please can you make every effort to ensure your child attends each day and that you drop off and collect on time.

The school day begins with an early morning task at **8:40am**. Please note, that fines for repeated late collections are also in effect.

You must inform the school as soon as possible if your child is absent and **holidays during term time will not be authorised**.



BEHAVIOUR AND INDEPENDENCE

Now that your child is in Year 4, we will encourage them to be more independent. Please support us with this.

We expect the children to keep to our motto of, “Work Hard, Be Kind,” and follow our school’s golden rules.

Children will be praised for good behaviour and sanctions will be given for anyone who tries to disrupt the class.

We will always speak to you about any behaviour concerns we have regarding your child and ask that you arrange a time to see us privately if you have a specific concern.

The school’s behaviour policy can be found online.



CLASS DOJO AND COMMUNICATION

It is common practise for us to update you at least **weekly** on Dojo which we will place on Class Story. This will help to keep you up to date with all things Year 4.

Should we wish to communicate with you privately, we will use Dojo messenger or ring you in person. You can also talk to us very briefly after school.

If you need any further information, for example term dates or parent/subject support materials, please refer to our school website: www.stdominicsavio.co.uk



SAFEGUARDING / ONLINE SAFETY

- Be aware of the **websites** your child is using and the programmes they are watching at home. It's so important that these are **age appropriate**.
- Please remind children of the need to be safe online and **never share passwords or private information**.
- Please note **we are a smart phone free school**. Children are not allowed phones and parents should not be on calls when on the premises.
- Please try to incorporate a **sensible home routine**. A time for homework, exercise, relaxation and enough sleep!



Safeguarding means...

Protecting
children from
maltreatment

Making sure
children receive
**safe and
effective care**

Preventing
impairment of
children's mental and
physical health or
development

Taking action to
enable all children
to have the **best
outcomes**

HEALTHY EATING

Each child requires a water bottle every day. This should be in a refillable container.

Please provide a daily healthy snack for breaktime. This can be fruit or vegetables.

Please ensure that packed lunches are of a cold variety. Hot food from home is not permitted for health and safety reasons.

Children are not allowed any chocolate bars or sweets in their lunchbox.

Please remember we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL.

Finally, in line with our healthy eating policy, from this year children are no longer permitted to bring in sweets for their birthdays. If they wish to celebrate with their class, they could donate a book to the reading corner which can have a personal message inside the cover if they wish. This is entirely optional and not expected.

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND P.E

We ask for children to have their PE kit in school all week.

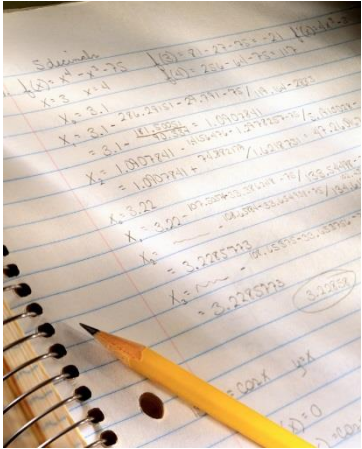
Children will have their PE sessions on a Monday and Thursday but this can change so kit is needed throughout the week. We plan to go swimming in the Spring term.

Children must remove earrings before school or by themselves for PE. If children need to take out earrings during school, please provide a suitable small container to place them in. We cannot be responsible for their jewellery. Please note that hooped earrings are never permitted.

Please check the uniform policy regarding daily uniform and PE kit. We will send home a slip if a child is missing an item or it is not suitable. Also please NAME EVERYTHING! We don't have a lost property box, each day we clear up and try to find homes for belongings.

Please could you also ensure your child has a painting apron in school.

PRESENTATION OF WORK



Each child can have a clear, transparent pencil case with all their equipment in each day. They are not permitted other items but may keep coloured pencils and pens in their bag.

We are teaching the children to write in a joined, fluent style. They should always take pride in their work. This year we are having ten minutes daily handwriting practise every day.



HOMEWORK

Homework is given to the children each week on a **Monday** and collected back in on the following Monday.

There are slight changes this year:

TTRockstars - minimum of three times a week, ideally 5-10 minutes a day.

Spelling - Children must practise their spelling words using a, Look, Cover, Write, Check method and then write their spellings into sentences. One sentence for each spelling.

Reading - We will be giving “set” reading which is a class book and a number of chapters to be read over the week. If children are quick readers, they can then choose to read other books that they enjoy.

Children should **complete one page of their reading record each week** and you must sign this. This is equal to five reads (one per day).

Children **must** complete their homework on time or receive sanctions.

MATHS AND NATIONAL MTC TEST

In Year 4 the children will have a national multiplication check in June. This tests their quick recall of the times tables up to 12×12 . They have 6 seconds per question to type in their answer and the test is done on iPads.

We will practise times tables daily with your children, they will be fully prepared and you will be informed of their result in their end of year report.

We would ask that you also practise at home, everyday if possible.



CLASS BOOKS FOR THE YEAR

All children have the opportunity to read aloud and/or to an adult regularly, in class and especially during our English lessons which are largely focused around the texts that we study.

Charlotte's Web – E. B White

Ice Trap – Meredith Hooper

The Tempest – William Shakespeare

Harry Potter – J.K Rowling

Outlaw – Michael Morpurgo

The White Horse of Zennor – Michael Morpurgo

The school provides enough books for one per pair. In the past however, many children have enjoyed keeping their own copy in school. This is optional but if your child does bring in their own, please ensure it is named.



SCHOOL TRIPS

Autumn Term:

We study the Romans in the second part of the Autumn term so we will be having a **Roman Day** in school instead of a trip. More details to follow but keep your eye out for cheap Roman outfits!

Spring Term:

A trip to **Harry Potter Studios**. We read the first Harry Potter book in the Spring term which the children love. On our trip we get to go behind the scenes, ride a virtual broomstick and explore the sets from the movie.

Summer Term:

Finally, we go to London! We plan on taking a **River Thames Cruise** and a trip on the **London Eye** as part of our Geography work. This is a great way to study the physical and human features of our great capital city.

Thank you so much for listening to our presentation, the children have made a wonderful start to the year and we really appreciate all your support.

Any brief questions?

If your query is personal to you or your family, please arrange a separate time to have a phone call with us.

