

Welcome to Year 4

Autumn 2025

All Key Information is on the School Website

CHECK REGULARLY FOR UPDATES

- Newsletters
- Whole school news
- Holidays
- Policies and letters
- Class Pages

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Curriculum

OVERVIEWS FOR THE YEAR ARE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

- English
- Maths
- Other subjects e.g. RE, Science, Art are under Long Term Overview

Curriculum

THINGS TO NOTE

- RSE/PSHE - Money, feelings, e-safety, British values and careers.
- Other PSHE opportunities e.g. House Groups which will cover discrimination this term and will cover other British values as we go through the year.
- PE is Monday and Wednesday., with Monday being swimming this term.

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EXPECTATIONS OR STANDARDS FOR END OF YEAR

- Times Table check at the end of Y4
- English is reading, transcription and composition:
- How you can help at home is on the next slide...

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How you can help at home:

- **Encourage neat handwriting** - Provide time and space for your child to write and celebrate their efforts in forming letters correctly.
- **Look for writing in the world around you** - Help them spot signs, labels, menus, and encourage them to write their own (e.g. shopping lists or notes).
- **Reinforce punctuation** - When reading together, point out capital letters, full stops, question marks, etc., and discuss why they're used, and how they can help at home
- **Read with your child daily** - even 10-15 minutes a day makes a huge difference. Let them read aloud to you, and read to them too, especially books above their reading level.
- **Ask questions** - What happened? Why did the character do that? How do you think it will end?
- **Be a reading role model** - Let your child see you reading books, newspapers, or recipes. It shows that reading is a valuable, everyday skill.

Homework

EXPECTATIONS

- Reading every day and written in reading log
- Times tables every day
- Maths.co.uk (1 piece per week)
- Spag.com (1 piece per week)
- Spelling practice on Spelling Shed



Spellings

HOW WE LEARN SPELLINGS

- We will give a rule or pattern where possible e.g. adding -ed
- Children will get a list of words to learn but should try to learn the rule and apply it to the root word e.g. hop + ed = hopped hope + ed = hoped
- There will be further examples on spelling shed to practise
- Sometimes the word lists will be words that do not follow a rule



School Uniform & Equipment

It is really helpful if children have a pencil case in school to keep their stationery.

They should have a waterproof coat for playtimes.

In school:

- Plimsolls or specific indoor trainers
- Wellies
- Change of clothes/socks
- Shorts



Jewellery

- Watches but not smart watches
- Earring retainers should be taken out for PE.

Apps and Websites

- Spelling Shed
- Maths.co.uk
- Spag.com
- TT Rockstarz



Reporting to Parents

HOW WE REPORT TO PARENTS

- Autumn - Meet the teacher
- Autumn - face to face or telephone parents' afternoon / evening.
- Spring - face to face or telephone parents' afternoon / evening.
Ideally we like this one to be face to face so you can see children's work in their books
- Summer - written report.
- Children with support plans and additional needs have longer meetings with SENDCO and class teachers termly.

Contacting School

WHO TO CONTACT

- Where possible, it is usually best to contact your child's class teacher via email datkinson@stcuthbertsprimary.com
- You can contact the school office via telephone on 0191 5813090 or office@stcuthbertsprimary.com and request that a member of staff calls you back. Please be aware that all staff are in class from 8:30am so speaking to a teacher before school is not usually possible.
- Please be aware that if you email a member of staff after 4pm, they may not get back to you until the following day.

Visits

- Greek workshops in school in the Autumn term
- 2-night residential February 9th-11th to the Catholic Youth Village in Consett - more information will be given closer to the time.
- Later in the year we will go on a local area walk around Seaham when we learn about coasts and erosion. This will be a good way to explore the area without the cost of transport.
- Some sporting activities will be organised by Sports Partnership

Holidays and absence

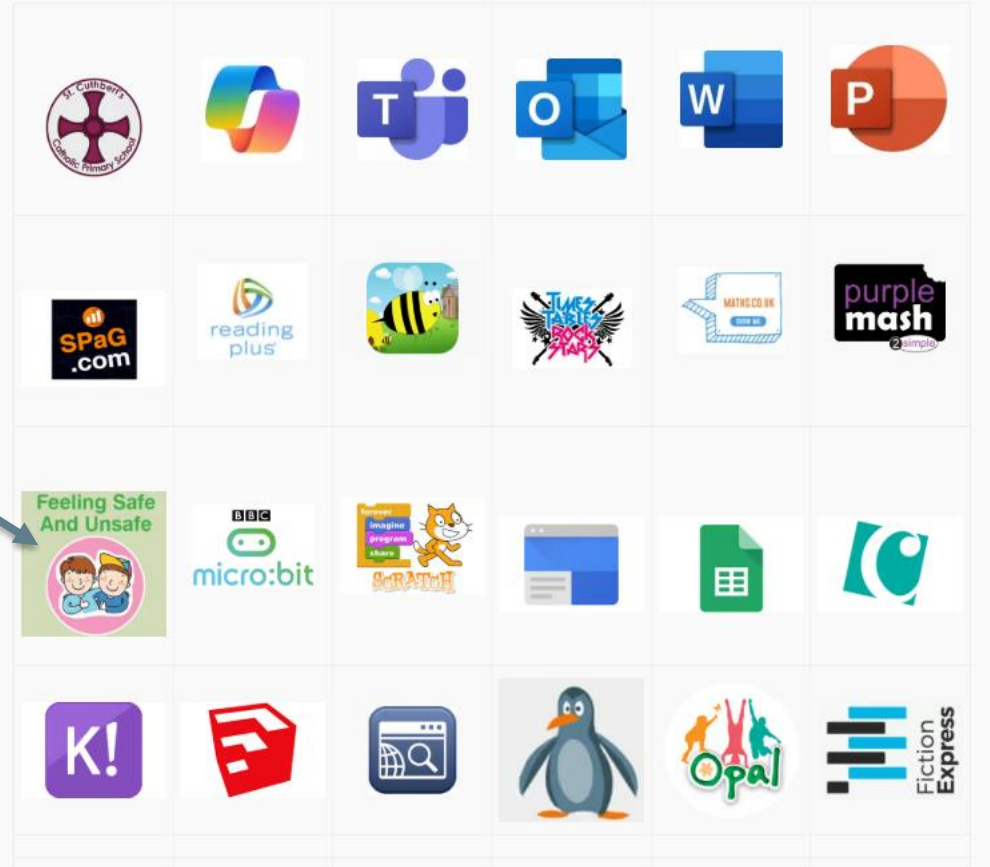


- Guidelines are such that we cannot authorise holidays - these go down as unauthorised absences. Fines are issued by the Local Authority for absences above 5 days.
- Please complete a holiday form if you are going away. If you ring in sick but children have told staff and friends they are going away, we are required to follow this up.
- If pupils are 20 minutes late this now has to be recorded as a morning absence.

Safeguarding

- Information about safeguarding pupils is on our website
- There is a code of conduct for parents from our trust to safeguard staff
- We have a child friendly document that we share in school and you are welcome to share at home. Click on PUPILS on the website

Please find below online learning links...



E-Safety

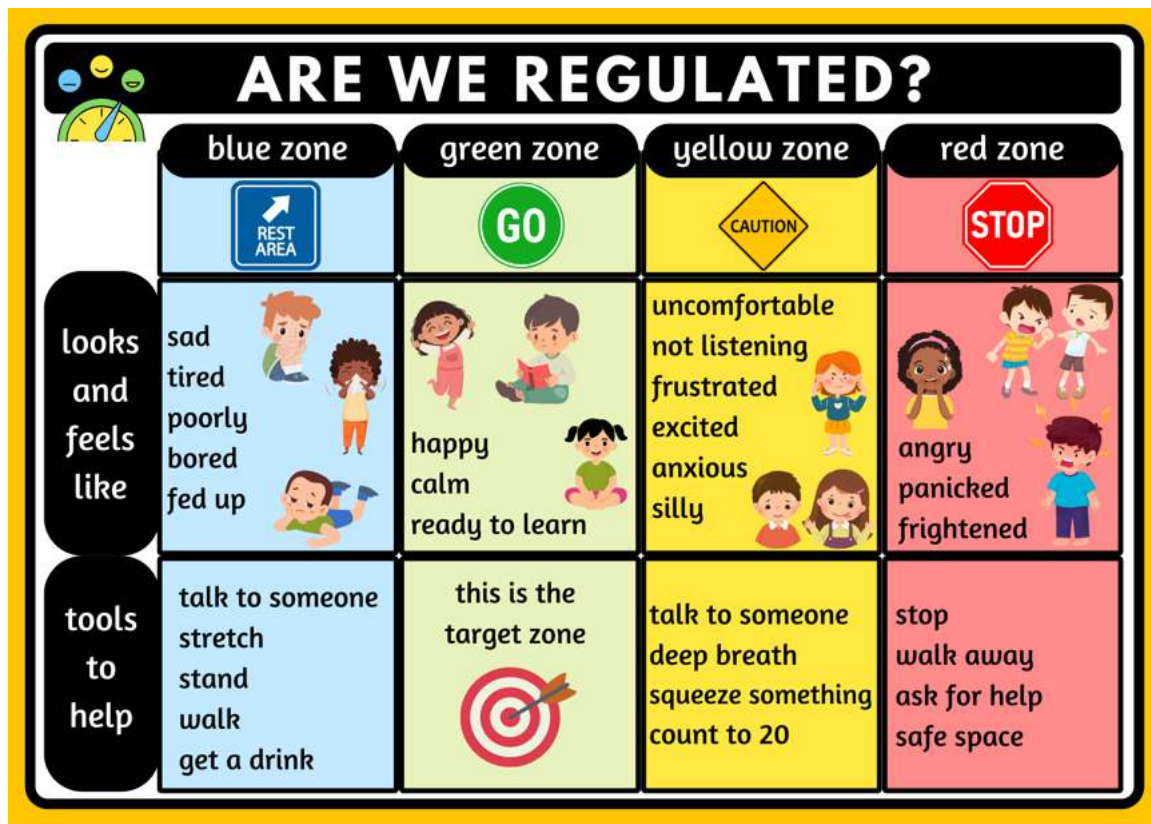
- Our computing curriculum is updated every year to be more relevant.
- We will look at keeping information safe online and other modern online issues (see below)
- Signpost parents to Wakeup Wednesdays on the Facebook page

<p>Year 4</p>	<p>Positive online and offline identities</p> <p>Fake online identities</p>	<p>Safe online social environments</p> <p>Respecting others values online</p>	<p>Information shared by others</p>	<p>Recognising feelings online</p> <p>What bullying looks like using a range of media</p> <p>Bullying and online reputation</p>	<p>Technology as a positive and negative distraction</p> <p>Time limits</p>	<p>How personal information is used by online services</p>	<p>Advertising</p> <p>Fake News</p>	<p>Copying information from searches</p>
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Wellbeing

We are focusing this year on recognising feelings and triggers using the Zones of Relevance.

These aren't behaviours and all feelings are valid.



Other Ways to Help

- Read a variety of things and talk about them - looking at maps, history books, comics, magazines etc. can be useful especially if shared with an adult.
- Handwriting - in Y5 to achieve standard needs to be neat and joined
- Times tables - times table check is in Y4
- Tell the time
- Use money
- Talk about measures you use every day - cooking, travelling, checking the weather



Finally...

We are very sad to say goodbye to Father Marc who has left Seaham to be parish priest in Sunderland...

Our new priest is Father Charles and he will be celebrating our first school Mass with us this year.

The Holy Communion programme will start in October; more information will be given soon.

