



St Mary  
Magdalene  
Academy

## Autumn Term 1 Year 4 Curriculum Letter

### Unit of Inquiry

#### How we organise ourselves



Inquiry into the **interconnectedness** of human-made **systems and communities**; the **structure and function** of organisations; societal **decision-making**; economic activities and their **impact on humankind and the environment**.

#### Central idea

Cities around the world develop and change in many ways

#### Lines of enquiry

Patterns of Human Settlement  
Characteristics of cities past and present  
Reasons for the growth of towns and cities  
Improving our urban environment

#### Key concepts explored in this unit

Function  
Connection  
Change

### English

First we will be reading a selection of short stories from Shaun Tan's Tales from Outer Suburbia. We will be looking at the features of narrative writing, building up to writing our own short story together as a class this half term. In October, we will be studying poetry written by Benjamin Zephaniah.

### Mathematics

This term we will be studying number and place value and ordering and comparing numbers up to 4 digits. We will also practise mental and written methods of addition and subtraction, as well as properties of shape, perimeter and area.

*Remember by the end of this year, your child should know all of their times tables off by heart and their related division fact. Keep practising with Times Tables Rockstars daily!*

### This half term's KIRF is:

To revise the multiplication facts learnt in Year 3  
*Practise these as often as possible this half term—these facts will really help in your future maths lessons.*

### Religious Education

This term we are studying Christianity, looking at the chronology of the Bible through the unit called, "What is the Bible's Big Story". We will look at how the Bible is structured and where we will find the stories that we already know. This is an important building block to other R.E units.

### Physical Education

This half term pupils will be working on hockey with the P.E. coach. P.E is on a Tuesday afternoon.

### Homework

Children will receive weekly spelling homework in their yellow folder. Each week either English or Maths homework will be sent home in CGP books. Some weeks Unit of Inquiry homework will be set instead of this.

*Daily reading is essential in your child making good progress in their learning. All home reading should be recorded in your child's school planner.*