



**St Richard's CE Primary School**  
**Autumn term 2025 – First half**



**Year 4 Acacia Class - September 2025**

Dear Acacia families,

It has been a busy first few days and I have enjoyed getting to know your lovely children better. The class have been working hard on active listening and settling into their new routines and expectations. I'm looking forward to a positive and productive year ahead. A strong partnership between home and school plays a vital role in student success, and your support and respectful communication are greatly valued!

Kind Regards, Ms McKenna

Dates for your diary:

**SEPTEMBER**

- W/C: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Clubs start this week
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> - P.E starts
- Tuesday 16 – Ham House visit (pm)
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Swimming starts:
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Meet the teacher stay and play (9-10)
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> - First home learning sent home
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Orleans House Gallery Visit

**OCTOBER**

- Wednesday 1st - KS1 Phonics workshop for parents
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – Black History Wow Day
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Anglo Saxon Workshop @ All Saint's Church
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Y4 lead Harvest church service 9am

**What we are learning about this half term:**

**English:** While reading Ted Hughes' *The Iron Man*, we will explore the use of noun phrases and repetition for effect. Then the pupils will plan and write their own mystery/modern fairy tale. During Reading lessons, we will be responding to *How to Train Your Dragon*

**Maths:** We will build on pupil's previous learning about place value of numbers up to 10,000 including ordering and rounding. Afterward, we will secure formal addition and subtraction for numbers up to 4- digits.

**RE:** We will learn about the stories of David and Goliath and Ruth and Abraham and what these stories say about God's promises.

**Reading:**

Pupils are expected to read at home **every day** for at least 10 minutes, **preferably aloud with an adult.**

Pupils will take home a book from the school library to read at home but must bring this book into school each day for reading at school.

Books will be changed once they have been read.

**TOPIC:**

**Science:** Living Things and their Habitats - Classification

**History / Geography:** Anglo Saxons

**Computing:** Digital Safety

**Music:** Body and tuned percussion (Theme: Rainforest)

**PE:** Dodgeball, Basketball/Netball, Rugby

**Spanish:** Phonetics 1 & 2 + Greetings

**Homework:**

- **Daily times tables practice** – log ins to Times Tables Rock Stars provided
- Weekly tasks **assigned on Friday, due in by following Friday:**
  - Spelling word practice (on [Ed Shed](#)) – Spelling Tests are timetabled for Fridays
  - Grammar Quiz on spag.com
  - Maths quiz on maths.co.uk
- **Creative home learning – assigned half-termly**

**Class Trips and Visitors in School:**

**16 September** – Ham House visit (pm)

**25 September** - Orleans Gallery (am)

**7 October** - Orleans House Gallery artists visiting

**16 October** – King Athelstan workshop @ All Saint's Church, Kingston



### Exciting partnership with Orleans House Gallery!

Orleans House Gallery in Twickenham has invited our Year 4 class to take part in creating a new exhibition. Throughout the year, 4 artists will be working alongside our class, exploring ideas **about play and imagination**. These ideas will help shape the exhibit.

On 25<sup>th</sup> September, we will have an introductory visit to the gallery, followed by several visits from the artists and a final visit to the gallery for the official exhibition opening in April 2026!

#### Parent/adult helpers

We would be grateful for volunteers to accompany the class on any of our upcoming visits. Please contact the school office if you are available to help.

[info@srsa.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@srsa.richmond.sch.uk)

#### Dates for future trips:

- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – National Maritime Museum
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Thames Explorer River study @ Kew Riverside

If you are able to support the class get to and from their Swimming lessons on Wednesday morning, please contact the office.

#### How you can help your child at home:

- **Please read aloud with your child daily**, and share your enthusiasm for reading!
- **Times Tables** – the National Curriculum states that pupils should be fluent with the times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4, to encourage this, there is a national statutory Times Tables Check that will take place in June. **Please help by practicing these regularly at home.**
- Help develop independence and responsibility – when struggling with emotions, pupils should be encouraged to use known strategies from PATHS /PSHE to help calm (breathing, grounding, drawing, exercise, etc) as well as problem solve
- Work on active listening (eye contact and expecting a response) as well as clear communication

#### Summary: (Swimming / PE day etc.)

**Monday:** Mrs Trimby in Year 4

**Tuesday:** Ms McKenna in Year 4 until Friday

**Wednesday:** Swimming (morning), PE (afternoon)

**Thursday:**

**Friday:**

#### Staff in class:

Teacher - **Mrs Catherine Trimby** (Mondays)  
Support Staff – **Helena Church, Dino Andrade**

Teacher – **Ms Kathryn McKenna**  
(Tuesday – Friday)  
Support Staff – **Frankie Bergamin, Dino Andrade**

