

English

This week in English, the children wrote exciting retells of the myth *Daedalus and Icarus*. They worked hard to bring their characters to life by using 'show, don't tell' techniques to describe emotions and actions. The children also practised punctuating structuring dialogue, including using reporting clauses at both the beginning and end of speech.

★ Star Writer ★ - Alana

✍ Handwriting Hero ✍ - Ian

📖 Text next week: 📖

The Minotaur



Maths

In Maths this week, we have continued our **Place Value** unit, exploring ordering numbers to 10,000, Roman numerals and rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000.

RE

This week in RE, we continued our topic, **Creation and Covenant**. This week, we reflected on Abraham as 'The Father in Faith' and explored how God's covenant with him is the foundation of both Jewish and Christian faith.

Art

In Art, we have begun our topic of **painting**. Last week, the children created multi-shaped, textured surfaces and experimented with mixing and applying colours. This week, they developed their artwork further by using small brush strokes in contrasting tones, learning how artists can add texture, depth and detail to a painting.

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Week 4

Science

In Science this week, we investigated the skulls and teeth of different animals, using clues to identify whether they were carnivores, herbivores, or omnivores. We discovered how the shape and size of an animal's teeth are linked to its diet and used our scientific reasoning skills to justify our ideas. We then began exploring food chains, learning how living things depend on one another for food and energy.

Gold Book

★Ranveer★

You have been a truly wonderful, valued member of St Cross. We will be sad to see you leave, but we know you will make many new friends at your new school. Keep being a superstar! ☺

Spellings

to be tested on Thursday 1st
October

division	collision
invasion	invasion
decision	
confusion	Abraham
explosion	faith
explosion	hope
television	love
conclusion	covenant

In PE, our topics are **fitness** and **hockey**. In fitness this week, we focused on strength where the children completed different strength-based exercises. In hockey, the children have been developing their dribbling and passing skills. Here are some photos for you to enjoy ☺



Homework

English - Atom Learning
TTRS
MTC practice
Spellings

Christmas card design - on
Monday, your children will come
home with a template to be
completed and returned by 12th
October

RE - Peace & Creation - please
see information available on the
Year 4 Class Page - to be
completed and returned by 17th
October

Multiplication Tables Check

A great resource to support practicing for the MTC in June is [Multiplication Tables Check - 2026 - Timestables.co.uk](https://www.timestables.co.uk)

which mirrors the format of the real test and gives children valuable experience answering timed questions. Please practice at home as much as possible ☺