

### General Class Information

Miss Dean is the class teacher. Mrs Bennett and Mrs Meadowcroft will be supporting Year 3.

### Reading diaries

Please ensure that your child is heard reading at least **three times a week**. This needs to be recorded in their Home/School reading diaries. Accelerated Reader recommends that children should read for 30 minutes per day for maximum progress.

### Homework and Spellings

The children are to use TT Rockstars, practise spellings and read AT LEAST 3 times per week. Spellings will be given during spellings lessons on a Thursday and the lists for the year are on our class page on the website.

The children will be given 5 times table questions a day along with a word a week that they are to complete a task a day surrounding the word. This includes finding and creating word definitions, classifying the word as a verb or noun when used in a sentence and finding word families and synonyms and antonyms of the word. This homework will be completed as a morning activity to start and as the children become more confident completing this, will then be sent home.

The children will also be given a written homework that may be Maths, English or another curriculum subject on a Thursday which is to be handed in the following Thursday.

### PE

Year 3 will have PE on a **Wednesday and Thursday**. Please ensure children bring their PE kit and leave it in school at the start of the week as circumstances may cause PE days to change. Correct P.E uniform for this is a navy t-shirt and navy blue shorts. Children will be carrying out activities outside and are advised to wear trainers if possible. The children may wear a plain hoodie and jogging bottoms over their PE kit if there is inclement weather.

Here at St John the Evangelist's, we have an open door policy and if you would ever like to see me then please make an appointment with the school office.

Yours sincerely,  
Miss Dean.



## Stone Age— Iron Age



**Class: Year Three**  
**Term: Autumn Term 2022**

Below is a brief outline of what we will be learning in each subject during the second part of our Autumn Term.

#### Values

This half term children will be learning about being attentive and discerning. Pupils are growing to be attentive to their experience and to their vocation; and discerning about the choices they make and the effects of those choices. Catholic schools help their pupils grow by promoting the practice of attentive reflection and discerning decision making: in teaching, in the examen, prayer and retreats; and through the practice and example of school leaders and staff.

#### Religious Education

In RE this term our topic is Reconciliation. This unit involves why we forgive and why we are forgiven by God. We will also be learning about Advent. Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year.

#### English

During our Guided Reading sessions, we will complete our class readers, Little People, Big Dreams and Jinnie Ghost. In English lessons, we will look at the conventions of a range of different forms of writing, focussing on chronological biographical writing and simile/metaphor poems.

Writing - to plan their writing by discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar.

Reading - to develop positive attitudes to reading, and an understanding of what they read, by reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes

Handwriting—use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined.

#### Maths

In maths, we will be concentrating on the 4 operations, whilst also using and applying the strategies taught to solve problems.

We will be consolidating and revising taught objectives with our weekly skills tests.

Our class target in mathematics remains to learn our times tables up to  $10 \times 10$  off by heart and start to more easily recognise related facts. (So if I know that  $7 \times 8 = 56$ , I also know that  $56 \div 8 = 7$ ). It is essential that the children practise their multiplication tables and division facts, for so much of the Key Stage Two content relies upon secure times tables knowledge. Children will be tested weekly on specific times tables. Well done to the children who are continuing to use the Times Tables Rock Stars online resource. It's AWESOME!!!! If you are yet to start to support the use of this website at home and would like more information, please get in touch.

#### Science

This half-term, we will be studying light and shadows. Pupils will explore what light is, how shadows are made and how to protect themselves from sunlight.

#### P.E

This half-term Year 3 will be studying gymnastics on a **Thursday**. On a **Wednesday**, the children will be studying basketball, focussing on building up the key skills. Please ensure children have the correct P.E for indoor and outdoor lessons.

#### Art

During this half term Year Three will be studying street art with a focus on the artist Banksy.

#### History

The children will continue to study the Stone Age to the Iron Age. This period in time covers around 10,000 years, between the last Ice Age and the coming of the Romans. The children will learn about early humans and how people lived during the different periods in this time.

#### MFL

The children will continue to learn and develop their French vocabulary and language learning skills. They will have the opportunity to further practise speaking in French as well as listening to French stories. We will be studying greetings, how to tell someone their name and ask someone what their name is, along with their age.

#### Music

Music will be taught this half term by our music specialist Mrs Amison.

#### PHSE

Year 3 will be following the Jigsaw scheme. Our topic this term is 'Celebrating Difference'.