

General Class Information

Miss Dean is the class teacher. Mrs Bennett and Mrs Meadowcroft will support Year 3, with Miss Oakes being a 1 to 1.

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 is marked every morning as part of morning work. 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 Monday and Wednesday. The children will no longer wear their PE all day but get changed just for the lesson. They may leave their PE kit in school if they wish. 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.



Volcanoes and Earthquakes



Class: Year Three
Term: Spring Term 2024

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

Values and Virtues

This half term our virtues are 'compassionate and loving'.

Pupils are growing to be compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by their just actions and forgiving words. Catholic Schools help their pupils grow by being compassionate and loving in the way they are treated especially when a pupil is in trouble; and by opening their eyes to those who suffer poverty, injustice or violence.

Religious Education

In RE this term our topic is Christmas. Christmas involves building on the previous knowledge of the story of Christmas. There is a focus on the Shepherds.

We will also learn about listening to God's Word at Mass. This unit involves the children in thinking about listening and finding out about the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. Through this topic they will explore the value and the importance of listening to the Word of God in the Scriptures.

English

During our Guided Reading sessions, we will complete our class reader, Bill's New Frock by Anne Fine. In English lessons, we will look at the conventions of a range of different forms of writing, focussing on letter writing.

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 continue to concentrate 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 end of unit tests.

Our class target in mathematics remains to learn our times tables up to 10×10 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 forces, magnets and movement. Pupils will explore what a force is, what friction is and how magnets work. They will also learn what it means to be magnetic.

P.E

This half-term Year 3 will be studying hockey on a Tuesday. On a Wednesday, the children will be studying handball, focussing on building up the key skills with Mr Sigley. Please ensure children have the correct P.E for indoor and outdoor lessons .

DT

During this half term Year Three will be learning how to make a product with pneumatic component.

Geography

The children will be learning all about volcanoes and earthquakes. This will include how both are caused and the different parts of a volcano.

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.

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 'Dreams and Goals'.