

General Class Information

Miss Dean is the class teacher. Mrs Bennett and Mrs Meadowcroft will support 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 Tuesday 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 Tuesday. 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.



Ancient Greeks



Class: Year Three
Term: Spring Term 2024

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

Values and Virtues

This half term our virtues are 'Faith-filled and hopeful'.

Children will become **faith-filled** in their beliefs and **hopeful** for the future.

What does this mean?

Catholic Schools help their pupils to grow by passing on the living and **faith-filled** tradition of Jesus Christ; by having persevering **faith** in the pupils, and by encouraging them, in turn, to have **faith** and **hope** in others.

Religious Education

In RE this term our topic is Lent. Lent commemorates the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert and enduring temptation according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. The unit is designed to help the children appreciate that during Lent Christians resolve to change and try to become more like Christ. The children will be introduced to new Gospel stories about Jesus bringing change into the lives of people he encountered.

English

During our Guided Reading sessions, we will complete our class reader, Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo. In English lessons, we will look at the conventions of a range of different forms of writing, focussing on persuasive writing and writing using suspense.

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 and the 4 operations, whilst also using and applying the strategies taught to solve problems. We will also look at length and perimeter, fractions and capacity.

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 living things, plants and trees. Pupils will explore the parts of a plant. They will also learn what plants need to stay alive and how water is transported through them.

P.E

This half-term Year 3 will be studying Dance on a Tuesday. On a Monday, the children will be studying netball, 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 learning how to make a Greek pot using clay. They will link their knowledge from history lessons to create this.

History

The children will be learning all about the Ancient Greeks. They will learn how they lived and the difference between Sparta and Athens.

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 'Healthy Me'.