

# Year 3 – Subject Overview

## 2024-2025



### Autumn 1

Subject	Overview
English	<p>During our Guided Reading sessions, we will complete our class reader, <i>The Worst Witch</i> by Jill Murphy. In English lessons, we will look at the conventions of a range of different forms of writing, focussing on instructions and setting/character descriptions. Children will 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.</p> <p>When reading, children will 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. When focussing on handwriting, children will 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.</p>
Maths	<p>In maths, we will be concentrating on Place Value and the 4 operations, whilst also using and applying the strategies taught to solve problems.</p> <p>Our class target in mathematics remains to learn our times tables up to <math>10 \times 10</math> off by heart and start to more easily recognise related facts. (So if I know that <math>7 \times 8 = 56</math>, I also know that <math>56 \div 8 = 7</math>). 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. 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.</p>
RE	<p><i>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</i></p> <p>In RE this term our topic is 'BELONGING - WE GATHER AS GOD'S FAMILY' - This unit involves the children exploring the different groups to which they belong. Through the theme of belonging they will study the Sacrament of Baptism as a Sacrament of Belonging to</p>

	the Church. They will also learn how Catholics celebrate their belonging to the Family of God through the Celebration of Mass.
Science	This half-term, we will studying Rocks and Soils. Pupils will explore different kinds of rocks and soils, including those in the local environment. They will investigate the uses and properties of rocks and will use this knowledge to complete scientific investigations. Pupils will explore different soils and will identify similarities and differences between them.
PE	<i>Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term.</i>  PE - The children will be studying football, focussing on building up the key skills. Please ensure children have the correct P.E for indoor and outdoor lessons .
History	The children will be studying 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.
Art	During this half term Year Three will be studying Stone Age wall art to link with our Stone Age to Iron Age History topic.
Music	Music will be taught this half term by our music specialist Mrs Amison.
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.
PSHE/RSE	Year 3 will be following the Jigsaw scheme. Our topic this term is 'Being me in my World'.
Computing	Children will follow the Purple Mash scheme. We will be looking at coding focussing on using timers, repeat functions and debugging codes that we have created.

## Autumn 2



<b>Subject</b>	<b>Overview</b>
English	<p>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.</p> <p>Children will 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.</p> <p>When reading, children will 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.</p> <p>When focussing on handwriting, children will 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</p>
Maths	<p>In maths, we will be concentrating on the 4 operations, whilst also using and applying the strategies taught to solve problems. We will focus on multiplication and division. Children should use TTRockstars at least 3 times a week to ensure that they are confident with their timestables.</p>
RE	<p><i>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</i></p> <p>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.</p>
Science	<p>This half-term, we will studying light and shadows. Pupils will explore what light is, how shadows are made and how to protect themselves from sunlight.</p>
PE	<p>Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term.</p> <p>PE -</p> <p>Children will be learning about gymnastics and basketball. They will learn the key skills of each sport, using them within the lessons. Please ensure children have the correct P.E for indoor and outdoor lessons.</p>
History	<p>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</p>

	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.
PSHE/RSE	Year 3 will be following the Jigsaw scheme. Our topic this term is 'Celebrating Difference'.
Computing	Children will be learning how to stay safe online. They will also learn what a spreadsheet is and why they are important.
Art	During this half term Year Three will be studying street art with a focus on the artist Banksy.



## Spring 1

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English	<p>During our Guided Reading sessions, we will complete our class reader, <i>Bill's New Frock</i> by Anne Fine. In English lessons, we will look at the conventions of a range of different forms of writing, focussing on letter writing and creating balanced arguments. Children will 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.</p> <p>When reading, children will 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. When focussing on handwriting, children will 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.</p>
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 also be learning about length and perimeter as well as fractions.
RE	<i>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</i>

	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.
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.
PE	Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term.  This half-term Year 3 will be studying hockey and handball handball, focussing on building up the key skills. Please ensure children have the correct P.E for indoor and outdoor lessons.
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.
DT	During this half term Year Three will be learning how to make a product with pneumatic component. They will create moving monsters as a shell for their component.
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.
PSHE/RSE	Year 3 will be following the Jigsaw scheme. Our topic this term is 'Dreams and Goals'.
Computing	Children will be learning about touch typing and how to quickly type on laptops. They will also learn what an email is and how to send an email.

## Spring 2



Subject	Overview
English	During our Guided Reading sessions, we will complete our class reader, Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo. In English lessons,

	<p>we will look at the conventions of a range of different forms of writing, focussing on persuasive writing and writing using suspense.</p> <p>Children will 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.</p> <p>When reading, children will 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.</p> <p>When focussing on handwriting, children will 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.</p>
Maths	<p>In maths, we will look at capacity and mass. We will focus on converting between g and kg and ml and l as well as adding these units. We will also solve word problems.</p>
RE	<p><i>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</i></p> <p>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.</p>
Science	<p>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>
PE	<p>Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term.</p> <p>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.</p>
History	<p>The children will be learning all about the Ancient Greeks. They will learn how they lived and the difference between Sparta and Athens.</p>
MFL	<p>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.</p>
Music	<p>Music will be taught this half term by our music specialist Mrs Amison.</p>

PSHE/RSE	Year 3 will be following the Jigsaw scheme. Our topic this term is 'Healthy Me'. They will also be following TenTen, focussing on how to be safe online and in their body.
Computing	Children will be looking at simulations and using Powerpoint.
Art	Children will design and create their own Greek pots using clay.



## Summer 1

Subject	Overview
English	<p>During our Guided Reading sessions, we will complete our class reader, 'The Iron Giant by Ted Hughes'. In English lessons, we will look at the conventions of a range of different forms of writing, focussing on diary entries and newspaper articles.</p> <p>Children will 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.</p> <p>When reading, children will 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.</p> <p>When focussing on handwriting, children will 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.</p>
Maths	Children will be studying fractions, money and time. Children will find total amounts, fractions of numbers and reading clocks to the nearest minute and hour. They will also continue to focus on the four operations.
RE	<p><i>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</i></p> <p>In RE this term our topic is Easter. This unit involves the children learning something about the prayer life of Jesus. They will examine and reflect on some of the ways in which Catholics pray and the signs and symbols associated with prayer.</p>
Science	<p>This half-term, we will be studying the body and its skeleton. We will learn what the different bones and how they effect how we move. We will also look at healthy diets and nutrition.</p>
PE	<p><i>Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term.</i></p> <p>Children will be learning about swimming and athletics. Please ensure children have their swimming costume, towel and swimming cap with them for this.</p>

Computing	Children will look at grouping and continue with their Powerpoint work.
DT	During this half term Year Three will be learning all about sewing and creating a pillow from their design. We will be making one as an end of unit project using felt.
Geography	The children will be learning all about the UK. We will learn about the different countries that make up the UK, the different counties in the UK and our county of Staffordshire. We will be completing a fieldwork project about Kidsgrove too.
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.
PSHE/RSE	Year 3 will be following the Jigsaw scheme. Our topic this term will be 'dreams and goals'. We will also be learning about healthy me and life to the full via Ten Ten.

## Summer 2



Subject	Overview
English	<p>During our Guided Reading sessions, we will complete our class reader, 'The Firework Makers Daughter by Philip Pullman'. In English lessons, we will look at the conventions of a range of different forms of writing, focussing on retellings and character description.</p> <p>Children will 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.</p> <p>When reading, children will 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.</p> <p>When focussing on handwriting, children will 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.</p>
Maths	During maths lessons, we will be looking at angles and properties and statistics. We will be looking at right angles, 2D shapes and 3D shapes. Also children will look at pictograms and bar charts.

RE	<p>Please see the 'Catholic Life' tab on our website to see which Virtue we are focussing on this half term.</p> <p>In RE this term our topic is The Eucharist is a Thanksgiving to God. In this topic the children are provided with opportunities to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. They will think about why this is such an important celebration in the life and worship of Catholic Christians.</p>
Science	<p>This half-term, we will continue to study the body and its skeleton. We will learn what the different bones and how they effect how we move. We will also continue to look at what makes a healthy diet. We will also research Marie Curie.</p>
PE	<p>Please see website to see which day your child has PE this half term.</p> <p>During PE, children will be learning about rounders and swimming. They will be building up team skills as well as throwing and catching skills.</p>
Geography	<p>The children will be learning all about the Italy. We will learn all about their culture and use maps to locate various cities around Italy.</p>
DT	<p>Children will create a healthy wrap, focussing on including protein, vegetables. Children will look at what foods we need to be healthy and what skills will be needed to create their wrap. This will link to our animals including humans science topic.</p>
Music	<p>Music will be taught this half term by our music specialist Mrs Amison.</p>
MFL	<p>Children will create a drama piece in French based on the three little pigs story. They will act as different characters, focussing on their grammar and pronunciation in French.</p>
PSHE/RSE	<p>We will be using Ten Ten to look at healthy relationships and being healthy.</p>
Computing	<p>Children will be looking at graphing, creating different graphs on Purple Mash.</p>