

### General Class Information

Mrs Halstead and Mr Turner are the class teachers. Mrs Halstead will teach Year 3 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mr Turner on Thursday and Friday. Miss Hancock will support Year 3 every morning. As Mr Turner is the Vice Principal, Mrs Antrobus may cover him, in her capacity of HLTA, during his leadership time.

### 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, Readingwise, practise spellings and read AT LEAST 3 times per week. Spellings will be given during spellings lessons on a Wednesday and the lists for the year are on our class page on the website.

The children will be given 4 maths operation problems a day along with a word a day that they are to put into a sentence once they have researched its meaning. 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 Wednesday.

### PE

Year 3 will have PE on a Wednesday (with Mr Sigley) and Thursday. 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 white 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 the in inclement weather.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Halstead & Mr Turner.



## Volcanoes



**Class: Year Three**  
**Term: Spring Term 2022**

## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back! 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 the Virtues that we will be focussing on are 'Curious & Active'.

By leading pupils to be curious about the universe and all human activity, and to take increasing responsibility for their own learning, and by providing opportunities for them to be active in the life of the school, the Church, and the wider community.

### Religious Education

In RE this term we will be completing our **Christmas** topic'. This unit focusses on the story of the shepherds and provides a focus for children to reflect on the birth of Jesus Christ and who he is.

This following unit that the children will be studying 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 Recounts, Humorous Poetry and Letters.

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 Multiplication and Division., Measurement of Time, Statistics, Properties of Shape and Fractions.

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 x 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 and Magnets. We will be learning that: To compare how things move on different surfaces, To notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance, To observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others

### P.E

This half-term Year 3 will be taught PE by Mr Sigley on a Wednesday. On a Thursday, 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.

### D&T

During this half term Year Three will be producing a product with a mechanical component.

The children will:

- Explore how pneumatic systems work.
- Draw a design which uses annotations to add some detail.
- Develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative products aimed at a particular audience.
- Make a prototype and well finished 'Moving Monster' which aims to have use a pneumatic force to create movement.
- Use design criteria to help guide the evaluation process.

### Geography

The children will be studying Volcanoes and Earthquakes. These lessons will teach the children where in the world volcanoes are found before looking at how and why volcanoes erupt. The class will explore the positive and negative impact of eruptions on the environment. They will study the layers of the Earth and about the features and key aspects of earthquakes.

### 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 & Goals'.