



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

Living and Growing in Christ

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Year 3 Autumn Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Year 3 Parents,

Welcome back to school for the autumn term and the start of KS2; we hope everyone enjoyed the summer break and are ready to get back to a bit more of normality. I particularly welcome Jacob Haber who has joined our class this year.

Below we have outlined some of the key information for life in Year 3.

Classroom organisation:

As usual children should have a named **water** bottle in school.

PE will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays this term. We hope to try and get outside while we can so children will need kit suitable for in and outdoors. Please be reminded that PE is navy shorts, a light blue t-shirt and plimsolls and for outdoor games a navy tracksuit and trainers for KS2.

Please be reminded that the children need a **small pencil case** (clearly labelled) containing the following items **only**:- 2 HB pencils, rubber, pencil sharpener with its own container, a set of colouring pencils, scissors and a large Pritt stick.

Homework and spellings: A weekly spelling list will be given to the children on Friday and they will be tested on the following Friday. In addition to this, a Literacy and/or Numeracy activity will be set on Friday on Mathletics or in homework books to be completed by the following Wednesday. The children are also expected to read every day.

Staffing: Mrs McFadden and Mrs McCarthy will be supporting the children in the class.

I hope this information is helpful to you. Thank you for your continued support. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me through the school office if you have any queries or concerns.

Lastly, I just want to say how proud I am of all the year 3 children on how well they have settled in back to school in the last week and I am so excited to be working with children and parents of St Bernadette class in the upcoming year.

Yours faithfully,

Miss A Zographou



<p>Science In Science, the children will be looking at the topic of Rocks and Fossils identifying three main types of rocks and how they are formed. Then, exploring what fossils and soils are and why they are important. As well as this they will learn about key scientists that made huge discoveries within this subject.</p> <p>In Autumn 2 the children will learn all about animals including humans, exploring balanced diets and the importance of different food groups and the effect they have on the human body. In addition to this, they will learn about the names of the bones that make up the skeleton of humans and animals.</p>	<p>RE In Religion we will be studying the topic of “Homes,” identifying what is important to their family homes and why. What makes a house a home? God’s dream for every family and that God is always there for us. They will also use scripture from the bible to understand the importance of God’s home. Later in the term, the children will move onto the topic of “Promises” leading up to Christmas. They will think about the importance of making promises and how some promises are harder to keep than others. Linking to biblical stories of promises to God.</p> <p>Other Faith The children will also be looking at Judaism for one week, identifying the key features of the synagogue and the symbolic meaning of them.</p>	<p>English In Literacy for the first half term we will be reading and doing writing based around ‘Stone Age Boy’ by Satoshi Kitamura. The children will be using their inference skills to predict events in book from the pictures. They will also do descriptive writing about the characters and scenes from the book up levelling their sentences by using ambitious adjectives and verbs.</p> <p>Later in the term the children will be reading ‘How to wash a Woolly Mammoth’ by Michelle Robinson and Kate Hindley. In this term the children will focus on instructional language such as imperative verbs by reading and writing instruction texts.</p> <p>Finally, the children will also be reading ‘The Twits’ by Roald Dahl. Exploring the language within the text at the humour behind the novel. The children will be doing persuasive writing, newspaper reports and story writing linked to the book.</p>
<p>Geography/History In History, the children will be learning about the topic; Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will explore aspects of the three eras, such as the weapons used, clothing worn, food hunted and cooked and shelter that was available in these times.</p>		<p>Computing In Computing, the children will learn about computer programming and coding, creating their own characters and code them to move and speak. The children will also learn more about e-safety and the importance of online security.</p>
<p>DT/Art In DT/Art the children will be creating cave paintings using chalks focusing on sketching and blending textures together. They will also be designing and creating their own stone age tools.</p>	<p>PE/Games In Games the children will be looking at a variety of skills that apply to invasion games which include: traveling whilst bouncing a ball showing control, using a range of skills to help them keep possession and control of the ball and performing the basic skills needed for the games with control and consistency.</p> <p>In PE, they will be developing their dance skills by; improvising freely with a partner translating ideas from stimuli to movement and linking actions to make dance phrases, working with a partner and in a small group.</p>	<p>Maths In Maths, the children will be working on place value, reading numbers from scales, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, money and real-life problems, shape and space, fractions and handling data. In Year 3 the children will be continuing their times tables knowledge by practicing the 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 6x, 8x, 10x and 11x tables identifying links between some of the tables. Children will practice these by completing Rainbow timetables weekly. To further your child’s confidence in this area please practice daily at home.</p>
<p>Spanish In Spanish the children will be able to say and write numbers (up to 30), colours, greetings, days of the week and months of the year. They will learn how to speak about the weather, family and emotions. During this term they will learn about the Spanish speaking countries and culture and learn simple songs to remember vocabulary.</p>	<p>Music In Music the children will have the opportunity to learn the cello and violin with Mr Wheatley and Mrs Budgen every Tuesday afternoon. Through this they will work with several layers of sound and have an awareness of the combined effect, perform with control of pulse and awareness of what others are playing and maintain a simple part within an ensemble.</p>	<p>PSHCE In PSHCE, the children will be looking at new beginnings and ‘saying no to bullying’. As well as learning about different emotions and how to manage our emotions. This will be supported by the Votes for Schools scheme to discuss a wide range of issues, such as friendships, bullying and the role of government in everyday lives, in keeping with our British Values.</p>