

St Francis' Catholic Primary School

Autumn Term 2017 - Curriculum Newsletter



Year 3

Year Group and Staff

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Teachers: Mr Kiernan & Mr Reily

Support Staff: Ms Foster, Ms Leachman, Ms Kench, Ms Annor-Agyei & Ms Sara

English

In English this term Year 3 will be reading *Gregory Cool* by Caroline Binch and *Charlottes' Web* by E B White. Through reading and exploring the themes in the text children will be taught how to create their own plots, characters and settings. They will begin to understand the importance of proof reading and self evaluating their writing. Later on in the term they will collect information from non-fiction texts and the internet about spiders in order to produce a non-chronological report.



Maths

Children will learn multiplication and division facts for the 5, 10, 2, 4 and 3 times-table, add and subtract 1-digit numbers to and from 2-digit numbers and tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes on analogue and digital clocks. They will focus on the properties of 3D shapes and choose an appropriate instrument to measure a length and use a ruler to estimate, measure and draw to the nearest centimetre; know 1 litre = 1000 ml; estimate and measure capacity in millilitres.

Science



Light

Year 3 will identify light sources and discuss the Sun. They will also establish that light is reflected off things that we see and that darkness is an absence of light. Then they will look at the transparency of various materials and the shadows they form. In addition to this they will make enquiries about shadows.

Forces and Magnets

Children will compare how things move on different surfaces. They will also observe how magnets attract and repel each other and attract some materials and not others.

For RE lessons we use the **Come and See** scheme of work. We will be focusing on:

Homes — God's vision for every family

St Francis — Celebrate the Feast of St Francis where the children learn about his life and work.

Judaism - Looking at another faith

Promises — Promises made at baptism.

Visitors — Waiting for the coming of Jesus.

RE



PE



Please ensure that your child brings appropriate PE kit on Monday and takes it home to wash on a Friday.

Lessons will take place on Monday morning.

Children will be taking part in Games using throwing and catching skills to invent individual games.

They will also make up games with a partner and practise the skills of aiming, dribbling, kicking and batting balls.

Music

Year 3 will be learning to play the recorder. Children will learning breathing and articulation techniques as well as learning melodies with some easy to find notes. You can purchase a recorder for your child to support their learning via ParentPay; the children will be given school instruments to use in class.

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Foundation Subjects

Stone Age to Iron Age — Children are introduced to what life was like over 7000 years ago in the Stone Age. They will explore how hunter-gathers found food, used stone to make tools and how we have learnt about their life through cave paintings.



Modern Britain — The children will celebrate the diversity of people who live in Britain and how rules and laws are important for everyone. They will explore different parts of the country and investigate the Commonwealth.

Computing



We are Programmers

Programming a short animation using Scratch. The children will learn the basics of computing coding.

We are Bug Fixers

Finding and correcting bugs in a computer program.

PSHE



This term we will be focusing on Journey in Love and Anti-Bullying. We will focus on how we should understand friendships. The children will continue to learn how to respect each other and themselves.



Homework

Children are expected to complete their own homework, however, **parents need to sign it before it is handed in to confirm that homework is of an acceptable standard.**

Homework is given out on **Friday** and is due back on **Tuesday**. If homework is not returned on Tuesday it will not be marked.

Extra! Extra! Read all about it!



Please read with your child every day and ask them questions about the book. Please sign the reading journals once you have heard them read. The home/school reading books must be brought in to school every day and will be changed at least once a week.

Books will not be changed unless an adult has signed the reading journal.

French

The children will begin to learn how to greet each other, say their names and count to 20. They will learn how to say different colours in and classroom objects in French.

