

St Francis' Catholic Primary School

Spring Term 2019 - Curriculum Newsletter



Year 3

Year Group and Staff

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Teachers: Mr Reily & Ms Logan

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English

The Year 3 Children really enjoyed reading 'Gregory Cool' and 'Charlotte's Web' last term. Both stories inspired excellent pieces of writing. This term the children will read '**The Hodgeheg**' by Dick-King Smith and '**The Oxford Book of Greek Myths**'. The children will look for examples of adverbs and adverbial phrases, begin to write dialogue, using inverted commas correctly and using interesting reporting verbs. There will be a focus on using complex and compound sentences as children get to write an animal adventure story inspired by Max, the protagonist of 'The Hodgeheg.' The stories in 'The Oxford Book of Greek Myths' will support our learning about the Ancient Greeks in history. We will be exploring the meanings of the myths and re-writing some, changing the endings.

Maths

Children will learn mental addition and subtraction strategies, problem solving and reasoning looking at patterns and relationships and making predictions. They will identify $1/2$ s, $1/3$ s, $1/4$ s, $1/6$ s, and $1/8$ s; realise how many of each make a whole; find equivalent fractions; place fractions on a 0 to 1 line and find fractions of amounts. Children will learn to tell the time to the nearest minute on analogue and digital clocks.

Science



Animals Including Humans

Pupils in Year 3 will find out about food groups and healthy balanced diets. Study the human digestive system and how food is transported around the body, investigate skeletons and look closely at bones, joints and muscles and compare with animal skeletons. They will also discover effects of exercise. This topic always excites the children, hopefully we will see the beginnings of some future doctors in Year 3.



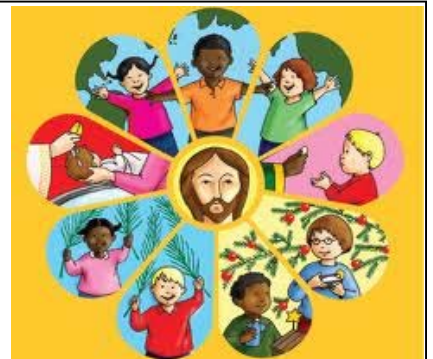
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Journeys: Exploring how we journey with Christ in our families and the importance of the Liturgical Year.

Citizenship Week: 'This is Me' - Exploring how we are created to be like Jesus

Listening & Sharing - Jesus gives himself to us

Giving All - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving



PE

Lessons will take place on Monday morning during the first half term. In the second half of the term the children will start swimming; these lessons will take place on Monday afternoons.



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

For swimming children will need the appropriate swimming costume. Girls will need a one piece swimming costume (no bikinis) and boys will need swimming trunks. All children will need swimming hats and towels. They should also bring a plastic bag to put their wet items in once their swimming lesson has finished.

Music



We will continue to learn how to play the recorder, as well as learning the songs we will sing in our Holy Week Assembly at the end of term.

In recorder we will consolidate our learning with notes played by the left hand and go onto learn right hand 'e'. Recorders are still available to buy from school via ParentPay—a great way to support your child's learning at home!

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History & Geography

Stone Age to Iron Age — Children will explore how archaeologists worked out when the Stone Age was ending by finding the Neolithic town of Skara Brae. They will discuss why copper mining was so important to Bronze Age people. They will also find out about Stonehenge, hill forts and how the discovery of iron changed everything for early humans.

The Ancient Greeks — Children will learn about the important City States of Ancient Greece and how differently people lived in them. They will explore the beginnings of democracy and the similarities and differences between



Computing



We are Presenters

Children will learn to record video, shoot their video and then edit it. They will give each other feedback and then try and improve their video.

Internet Research

Children will learn about the internet—what it is and what it can be used for. They will learn how best to search for information and how to assess whether websites that they find are safe and reliable.

PSHE



In the first half of the term we will have our whole school focus on citizenship. The theme this year is 'This is Me'. *You are God's work of art created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he has meant us to live. Ephesians 2:10.* We will be exploring what 'The Rights of the Child' mean as we try to live our lives like Jesus.



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

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.

French

Children will start by learning to say their age in French. They will also learn the names of animals and foods in French and will start to use these words in phrases.

