

St Francis' Catholic Primary School Autumn Term 2023 –Curriculum Newsletter



Year 3

Year Group and Staff

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Teachers: Mrs. Paul & Mr. Reily
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English

Year 3 will be exploring the text *The Great Kapok Tree* this term—a story about the rainforest and the importance of the preservation of nature and will inspire lively class debates and persuasive writing. We will be studying the author's description of the rainforest setting and use powerful adjectives to create our own setting descriptions—as well as creating watercolours based on the rainforest. We will also be studying Anthony Browne's 'Gorilla'—exploring the relationship between the words and illustrations. This text will also inspire some non-fiction writing about gorillas.

Maths

Children will be recapping their number facts and place value. They will be comparing and ordering numbers with up to 3 digits. Children will learn multiplication and division facts for the 2,3,4,5, 8 and 10 times-tables, add and subtract 1-digit numbers to and from 2-digit and 3-digit numbers. They will apply this knowledge to word problems and reasoning questions. Later in the term, they will be exploring time and the vocabulary 'past' and 'to' to explain what time it is. The children will be looking at place value in relation to money and solving problems including giving change.

Science



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. The children will create their own compass using magnets and household materials.

Light

Year 3 will identify light sources and including 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.

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

Domestic Church

HOMES - God's vision for every family

Feast of St Francis 4th Oct.

Baptism/Confirmation

PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism

Judaism 13th Nov.-17th Nov.

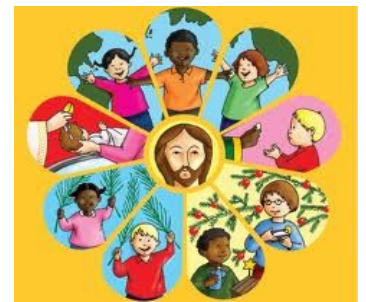
Places of Worship - Synagogue

Advent/Christmas 21st Nov- End of Term

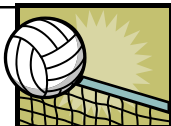
Visitors - waiting for the coming of Jesus

20th Nov.- End of Term

RE



PE



Please ensure that your child brings appropriate PE kit and leaves it in school for the week.

Lessons will take place on Wednesday afternoons.

Children will be learning about their own fitness and how to keep fit. After half-term the children will be exploring dance.

Music

This year, Year 3 will be learning how to play the recorder. We will begin by learning blowing techniques before learning how to play our first three notes—b, a and g. Singing and general musicianship will also be integral parts of each music lesson. Children will be provided with a recorder to keep in school for their recorder lessons. Purchasing a recorder for your child to practice on at home is advised if possible.

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Foundation Subjects

History: Black History—We will be marking 'Windrush 75' by exploring what happened as the 'Windrush Generation' first arrived in this country: What were their first impressions? How did they decide where to live and adapt to the weather?



Geography: Year 3 will later be exploring our local area and comparing the land use of Stratford to more agricultural places.

Computing



This term we will be learning about how computers connect together to create networks, as well as digitally creating stop-frame animations.

PSHE



Children will begin Autumn by learning about the 'Zones of Regulation.' Learning about these zones will help children think about how they feel and how they can help calm themselves down when upset or over excited. This term we will also have a focus week on anti-bullying, to ensure our school continues to be a safe place for all.



Homework

Children are expected to complete their own homework on Google Classroom, parents need to ensure that their child completes their work to a high standard and check it over before their child turns it in.

Homework is assigned on **Friday** and is due back on **Tuesday**. If homework is not returned on Tuesday it may not be marked.

Extra! Extra! Read all about it!



Please read with your child every day and ask them questions about the books they have read. It is very important to maintain a love of reading. Try to encourage your child to read a range of texts (both fictional and non-fictional texts).

French

The children will begin to learn and use greetings in French as well as revising how to count in French.

Further on in the half term, the children will begin to introduce family members in French too.

