

# St Francis' Catholic Primary School

## Curriculum Newsletter

### Spring 2024



# Year 3

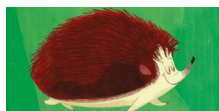
## Year Group and Staff

# Year 3

**Teachers:** Mrs Paul & Mr Reily  
**Support Staff:** Ms Maitland, Mrs Zariat,  
Mrs Cudjoe, Ms James

### English

This term the children will read 'The Hodgehog' by Dick King-Smith. The children will look for examples of adverbs and adverbial phrases. They will begin to write dialogue, using inverted commas correctly and interesting reporting verbs. There will also be a focus on using complex and compound sentences as children get to write an animal adventure story inspired by Max, the main character of 'The Hodgehog.'



### Maths

In maths, the children will be focusing on using partitioning and place value to support them with solving calculations and word problems.

Year 3 will also begin to study angles, including right angles, measurement of turn, and the ° symbol; and they will also explore properties of shapes.

### Science



#### Animals Including Humans

Pupils in Year 3 will find out about food groups and healthy balanced diets. They will 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. The children will also discover the positive effects of exercise on the human body.



## RE

4<sup>th</sup> Jan.- 26<sup>th</sup> January

**Local Church JOURNEYS** - Christian family's journey with Christ

**Citizenship Fortnight—Equality Matters**

8<sup>th</sup> January -19<sup>th</sup> January

29<sup>th</sup> Feb-1<sup>st</sup> March

**Eucharist** LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us

4<sup>th</sup> Mar- 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Lent/Easter** GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving



## 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 gymnastics. After half term the children will be exploring striking and fielding games.**

### Music



This term we will continue with our learning on recorder. We will combine the notes that we have learnt to play different pieces as well as developing a good blowing and tonguing technique. We will also be listening and appraising a variety of musical genres.

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## History & Geography

**History** - Year 3 will be introduced to the idea that people have been living in Britain for a very long time. They will learn about the changes that occurred between the middle Stone Age [Mesolithic Times] to the Iron Age - a period of over 10,000 years.



**Geography** - This unit of study encourages children to use atlases to identify the names of the seas surrounding the UK. They will then go on to find out about some of the larger UK rivers and further explore the names of the seas some of the UK rivers flow into. Children learn how to follow different UK rivers on a map to find out where they start and end.

## Computing

Children will be increasing their knowledge and understanding of coding using Scratch. Scratch is a visual programming language that allows students to create their own interactive stories, games and animations. The children will be finding out about data and information and what branching databases are.

## PSHE



During the citizenship weeks, the children will explore the theme 'Equality Matters'. Year 3 will focus on the protected characteristic of Religion and Culture, exploring the symbols and beliefs of some other religions and why our right to religious belief and cultural identity are important.



## 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 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.

## Reading at home

Please read with your child every day and ask them questions about the book. Please sign their reading journal once you have heard them read. The home/school reading books should be brought in to school every day and will be changed weekly.



## French

The children will begin to learn how to talk about different parts of the body in French. Further on in the half term, the children will begin to talk about animals and pets that they may have.

