

General Class Information

Mrs Halstead and Mr Turner are the class teachers. Mrs Halstead will teach Year 3 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mr Turner on Thursday and Friday. Miss Hancock will support Year 3 every morning. As Mr Turner is the Vice Principal, Mrs Antrobus may cover him, in her capacity of HLTA, during his leadership time.

Reading diaries

Please ensure that your child is heard reading at least **three times a week**. This needs to be recorded in their Home/School reading diaries. Accelerated Reader recommends that children should read for 30 minutes per day for maximum progress.

Homework and Spellings

The children are to use TT Rockstars, Readingwise, practise spellings and read AT LEAST 3 times per week. Spellings will be given during spellings lessons on a Wednesday and the lists for the year are on our class page on the website.

The children will be given 4 maths operation problems a day along with a word a day that they are to put into a sentence once they have researched its meaning. The children will also be given a written homework that may be Maths, English or another curriculum subject on a Thursday which is to be handed in the following Wednesday.

PE

Year 3 will have PE on a Tuesday and Thursday. The children will no longer wear their PE all day but get changed just for the lesson They may leave their PE kit in school if they wish.. Correct P.E uniform for this is a white t-shirt and navy blue shorts. Children will be carrying out activities outside and are advised to wear trainers if possible. The children may wear a plain hoodie and jogging bottoms over their PE kit if the in inclement weather.

Here at St John the Evangelist's, we have an open door policy and if you would ever like to see us then please make an appointment with the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Halstead & Mr Turner.



Stone Age— Iron Age



Class: Year Three
Term: Autumn Term 2021

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back! Below is a brief outline of what we will be learning in each subject during the second part of our Autumn Term.

Values and Virtues

This half term our values and virtues theme is Learned & Wise.

Learned, finding God in all things; and wise in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

Religious Education

In RE this term our topic is 'Reconciliation'. This unit involves the children exploring human choices, the consequences of sin, Christ's teaching on forgiveness and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we move into the season of Advent the children will be looking at Bible stories of the Annunciation and Visitation. They will explain how Mary and Elizabeth prepared to welcome and recognise Jesus Christ. The children will develop their understanding of Advent as a time to prepare for Christmas and reflection on Christ being in the world.

English

During our Guided Reading sessions, we will complete our class reader, *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. In English lessons, we will look at the conventions of a range of different forms of writing, focussing on descriptive writing and imagery poetry.

Writing - to plan their writing by discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar

Reading - to develop positive attitudes to reading, and an understanding of what they read, by reading books that are structured in different ways and reading for a range of purposes

Handwriting—use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined

Maths

In maths, we will be concentrating on Measures. The children will be studying measuring length, weight, perimeter and conversion of units of measurement. The children will also learn how to present data in the form of bar-charts. The children will continue to study the 4 operations and the application of them to problem solve and reason.

We will be consolidating and revising taught objectives with our weekly skills tests.

Our class target in mathematics remains to learn our times tables up to 10 x 10 off by heart and start to more easily recognise related facts. (So if I know that $7 \times 8 = 56$, I also know that $56 \div 8 = 7$). It is essential that the children practise their multiplication tables and division facts, for so much of the Key Stage Two content relies upon secure times tables knowledge. Children will be tested weekly on specific times tables. Well done to the children who are continuing to use the Times Tables Rock Stars online resource.

Science

This half-term, we will be studying Light & Shadows. The children will recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. They will notice that light is reflected from surfaces; recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes; recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object and find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change

P.E

This half-term Year 3 will be studying Gymnastics on a Tuesday. On a Thursday, the children will be studying Hockey focussing on building up the key skills. Please ensure children have the correct P.E for indoor and outdoor lessons .

Art

During this half term Year Three will be studying Street Art/Banksy. The children will learn about artists throughout history. They will develop control and use of a range of materials and media and record observations and ideas in sketch books and develop ideas.

History

The children will be continuing to study the Stone Age to the Iron Age. This period in time covers around 10,000 years, between the last Ice Age and the coming of the Romans. The children will learn about early humans and how people lived during the different periods in this time.

MFL

The children will continue to learn and develop their French vocabulary and language learning skills. They will have the opportunity to further practise speaking in French as well as listening to French stories. We will be studying how to describe physical appearance.; recap on numbers.; brief introduction to animals. They will also study some Christmas vocabulary.

Music

Music will be taught this half term by our music specialist Mrs Amison.

PHSE

Year 3 will be following the Jigsaw scheme. Our topic this term is 'Celebrating Difference'.