Holy Family Catholic Primary School
Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn 2 2026

RE

In RE, we will be following the journey through Advent. The focus will be **Prophecy and Promise.** Children are exploring Joseph's trust in God and learning about the messages brought by angels in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, linking these to the prophecies of Isaiah. They are considering how the themes of Advent and Christmas represent hope and faith for Christians.

Key information

Class teacher – Mrs Pearce

Teaching assistant(s) – Miss Godley

PE days - Thursday afternoon

SCIENCE

As Scientists, we will be looking at 'Rocks and Fossils' this half term. This topic will cover how rocks are formed and the different types of Rocks and the specific uses they have in day-to-day life. We will also look at fossils and how they have been created. In addition to this, as part of our Reading to Writing Journey and linking to science, we will learn the different parts of the Water Cycle.

HRSE

In HRSE, Me, My Body, My Health,. Children will learn to celebrate similarities and differences, and to appreciate and look after their bodies as gifts from God. Teaching also covers changes as we grow from children to adults being part of God's loving plan for creation.

ENGLISH

As readers and writers, children will learn and understand how to write an explanation text that tells the reader how or why something happens. We will focus on their writing being organised, clear and informative, using appropriate vocabulary and features to explain a process or event. We will link this to our Geography topic and explain how the Water Cycle works. All of our written work will follow our 'Reading to Writing Journey' where we will look at what makes a 'good' piece of writing with a purpose. We will continue to follow our VIPERS texts in our Guided Reading sessions where will visit numerous texts to secure comprehension and vocabulary skills.

Geography

As Geographers, we will study the topic of Rivers from source to mouth. We will focus on local rivers and where they are in relation to school and then look at the main rivers in school placing them geographically on a map. We will take a visit to the Ribble Estuary at Fairhaven Lake to consolidate the children's learning. We will learn how the Water Cycle has an impact on weather and also learn the we eight compass points To help pinpointing geographical areas,

ART/DT

As artists, we will explore the artwork of Steven Brown and

MATHS

As mathematicians, we will continue to focus on the targets and expectations of the year 3 curriculum. We aim to continue to cover

PE

As Sportspeople, we will follow the PE curriculum and this term

recognise key features of his style. We will learn how to apply colour and paint in his style. We will focus on the artworks of Steven Brown, and replicate by drawing and focusing on proportions and shapes. Children will then evaluate the appearance and practicality/functionality of a finished product.	place value; number facts leading to a range of addition and subtraction strategies. Children will learn numbers to 1000, recognising their place value and how to also order these. We will look at representing 3-digit numbers in different ways. We will look at measurement to include using meters, centimetres and millimetres and how we can record our measurements in tables to represent our data.	the children will be doing Badminton where they will learn racket skills and hand and eye coordination. They will also be continuing to learn how to develop their skills playing touch rugby learning how to move the ball and using the space to play in their outdoor activity.
MUSIC/MFL As musicians, we continue to focus on singing, composing and performing music and listening to selected pieces to discuss as a class. As linguists, we will be looking at Spanish objects 'in my pencil case to include pencil, rubber, sharpener etc and learning colours in Spanish.	WIDER OPPORTUNITIES ASPIRATIONS, we will look at the famous British Artist Stephen Brown and ask the question, 'Who wants to be an artist?' OPPORTUNITES, we will visit Fairhaven Lakes and Gardens to learn about Rivers from Source to Mouth. COMMUNITY, we will continue to raise money for Mary's Meals.	COMPUTING In computing, we will be looking at stop frame animation and create a story using a moving picture.