



St. Anne's Catholic Primary School



Welcome to Year 3!

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back to school and welcome to Key Stage 2 and Year 3! We're already looking forward to the year ahead and everything we are going to do!

The children have now changed teacher, classroom, building and playground—a BIG change! During the year we will encourage the development of the children's independence, expecting that they will take more and more responsibility for themselves as the year goes on. Our detailed year group Knowledge Organisers will be available on the school website when each half term begins.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask us at the door or if you'd like an appointment, please call Mrs Penlington to arrange a time.

Thank you.

Mrs Avington, Mrs Seddon & Miss Disley.

Year 3 Curriculum

Autumn Term

The term will begin with our theme '**Creation and Covenant**.' As part of this topic we will be learning about how the Creation stories in Genesis explain the relationship between God, human beings and the world. We shall also focus on what makes a nutritious and healthy diet and other life choices that make us healthy.

In the second half term during the '**Promise and Prophecy**.' we learn how Catholics use some signs, actions, prayers, and symbols to celebrate Mass and how Christians prepare for the coming of Christ during Advent. In Geography, building on our studies of the History of Ormskirk, we will observe, record and name geographical features in the local environment.

Spring Term

In the Spring Term through our '**Galilee to Jerusalem**' theme, we study Jesus' parables to show the choices people must make to accept his invitation to the kingdom. In History, our focus will be a study of the Roman Empire and its impact on life in Britain.

During Spring 2 we will begin our '**Desert to Garden**' theme and explore how Catholics gather to celebrate Mass where they listen to the words of holy scripture and meet Jesus in Holy Communion. In English, we shall write poems in the style of 'Funny Bones' and identify that humans and animals have skeletons for support, protection and movement.

Summer Term

The Summer Term theme is '**To the Ends of the Earth**'. The children will learn that Christians today continue to follow the example of the apostles and early Church when they gather to say Mass. In Science, they will develop their scientific skills and learn about forces and how magnets work.

The final topic for the second half of the Summer Term is '**Dialogue and Encounter**'. Where the children will explore other faiths and ways they worship. Then, inspired by our Science topic 'Plants' we will learn about the artist Frida Kahlo who used plants and flowers in her work.



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Year 3 General Information

Class 7 and 8 will have PE sessions on **Monday** afternoon , as well as **Thursday** afternoon for just the first half term. Our focus for this half term is 'Gymnastics' and 'Outdoor Adventurous Activities.' We would like the children to come into school in their full school PE kit on both days, with their school jumper/ cardigan over the top to keep them warm during the school day. Trainers should also be worn with the PE kit. As we enter the winter months please feel free to send your child in wearing tracksuit bottoms or leggings, but please keep them plain and either navy or dark coloured to match the PE kit. Earrings are not to be worn on P.E. days. The children are encouraged to take pride in their appearance and maintain high standards. This includes wearing the correct school uniform and P.E kit and footwear for each. If ears are pierced children should only wear small studs.

Equipment for Year 3 - Children are provided with basic writing equipment but may wish to bring in a small pencil case with their own colouring pencils/pens. Colouring books are also welcomed for wet plays.

Children need to bring a named bottle of water each day and are encouraged to bring a healthy fruit snack for morning break.

We have lots of exciting activities planned for the year. Please find more information in the half termly Knowledge Organisers which can be found on the School Website.



The children have already been given their spelling list for the whole of the first half term and are expected to practise these each week in readiness for Friday spelling tests. They will also need to practise a given times table for a times tables test every Friday. The children will be given a Maths homework activity based on the week's learning (Century Platform), and a 'Times Table Rock Stars' task. All homework will be sent via Class Charts on Fridays, to be completed by the following Friday. The children are expected to spend at least 20 minutes per week on TT Rock Stars and 20 minutes on Century Activities.

Reading will take place during a teacher led Guided Reading session once a week, using unseen fiction and non-fiction texts . To ensure your child develops the necessary reading and comprehension skills to access the curriculum we would encourage them to read regularly at home. There is no particular day for changing reading books, however we ask that parents write in the reading record log when their child's book has been completed so the children can have their book changed.