



# 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 Seddon, Mrs Ellis & Mr Batchelor.

### Year 3 Curriculum

#### Autumn Term

The term will begin with our theme '**Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds**'. As part of this topic we will be looking at art inspired by David Hockney and colour contrasts.

In the second half term we will study the locality of Ormskirk '**Our World**'. The children will be learning about both their own locality and the wider world.

#### Spring Term

After Christmas in Spring Term the children eagerly learn lots of exciting, new things about '**Explorers**'. Our focus will be the Romans and will be reading 'Escape from Pompeii'.

Spring 2 is time to join the '**Animal Kingdom**'. We will be learning about identifying and classifying animals, and will be completing a range of STEM challenges..

#### Summer Term

The Summer Term theme is '**We are Scientists**'. The children will be learning about rocks this half term and making models of volcanoes!

The final topic for the second half of the Summer Term is '**We are Creative**'. An aspect of this curriculum will be looking at the work of Henry Matisse and learning all about the fascinating world of plants.



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### Year 3 general information

Class 7 and 8 will have PE sessions on **Monday** afternoon , as well as **Thursday** morning for just the first half term. The Thursday PE session will be led by a PE instructor for the children to learn about striking and fielding. We would like the children to come *in to 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 or black pumps 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 navy or dark coloured to match the PE kit.



The children will either receive one piece of English and Maths homework every Friday. (Occasionally it will be linked to another area of the curriculum.)

The homework will be sent via Class Charts or by paper. Nothing needs to be sent into school but via the class chart system and the teachers will mark it on there or they can bring it back in paper format. These pieces of homework are due back by the following Friday.

Spellings will be given out on Friday to be returned on Friday, for a test but will taught during spelling lessons during the week.

Reading will take place during a teacher led Guided Reading once a week, using unseen fiction and non-fiction texts . Whilst other children are being heard read, other activities will be being completed which are based around the group text.

There is no day for changing books, children can bring them back into school whenever they have finished.



The Year 3 twitter pages are **@Class7JSJE** and **@Class8DB** and will have daily updates of what has been going on in school.