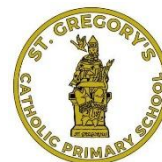


St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

We give thanks to God, work together and always try our best.



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn

Message from the Year Three Staff

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday. Year 3 have had a fantastic first few days and it has been wonderful to see the children back in school.

We are ready to have an exciting year and are looking forward to supporting the children as they begin their learning in Key Stage 2. The children have settled well into life in the juniors, and we know they will continue to grow and thrive.

Thank you as always for your support and we look forward to working with you to make this a wonderful and successful Year 3!

Yours faithfully,

New Water Bottles!

Every child now has their own, brand new school water bottle. Please ensure these are returned to school each day, ready for the children to use.

Key Information

PE – Swimming: This term, Year 3 will go swimming every Monday morning at Brinkburn Pool. They will initially walk to and from the swimming pool so please make sure the children bring a raincoat with them. The children will be back for lunchtime and should come to school wearing their PE kit.

Swimming Kit: Suitable one-piece swimming costume/trunks (no loose swim shorts), towel, swimming cap, goggles (optional). Please see the email sent before the summer holidays for more information.

Homework: Homework will be set on a Friday and returned no later than the following Wednesday. Log in details for Spelling Shed, Reading Plus and Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) have been stuck into your child's reading diary.

Spellings – children to complete the spelling sheet sent home. An optional spelling assignment will also be set on Spelling Shed for extra practice.

Reading – 30 minutes on Reading Plus (we will be showing the children how to complete this over the next week).

Maths – practise for at least 15 minutes on Times Table Rock Stars.

Reading Books: Children should bring their reading books and records into school every day. This is so we can ensure children are being heard read regularly and record their progress. Please do continue to hear your children read at home and discuss the books they are reading. Thank you again for

Autumn Term Learning in Year Three

RE: This year, we will begin teaching Religious Education through the new Religious Education Directory (RED): To Know You More Clearly, introduced by the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. The curriculum is organised into six 'branches' of learning throughout the year. During the Autumn Term, Year 3 will study **Creation and Covenant** and **Prophecy and Promise**. The children will revisit the first Creation story, think carefully about how people should be treated equally and spend time reflecting on the blessings of Creation in their own lives. They will also focus on the stories of the Annunciation to Joseph and to Mary as we move through and celebrate Advent.

Maths: Children will continue to have daily Maths Meetings to consolidate their arithmetic and problem-solving skills. We will revisit Number Sense and Place Value and extend our knowledge to three-digit numbers. We'll look at addition and subtraction including length and perimeter and spend some time learning how to interpret graphs.

English: This term we will study the books: How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth, Stone Age Boy and Flat Stanley. As part of this, pupils will be asked to write a set of instructions, a story opening and a letter, learning the specific features of each text type and the spellings of specific topic vocabulary. Year 3 grammar and punctuation will be taught specifically during each writing unit, introducing and practising new learning such as subordinate clauses and speech punctuation. In handwriting, we will continue to practise letter formation daily before learning specific letter joins. Spelling rules and Y3/4 common exception words will be taught weekly, set as homework and tested the following Friday.

Other Curriculum Areas:

In **Science** we will study 'Rocks and Soils,' looking at the different types and how they are formed. We will then move on to forces and magnets.

In **History** we will study 'The Stone Age,' finding its place on a timeline and learning how people lived and survived in prehistoric Britain,

In **Geography** we will study 'Our Place in the World,' focussing on the physical and human features of the United Kingdom.

In **French**, Year 5 will learn vocabulary around the topic 'My Family,' focussing particularly on name, age and birthdays.

In **R.S.H.E** our topics are 'Get Up!', 'The Sacraments' and 'We don't have to be the same' where your child will be exploring issues around their own physical, emotional health and wellbeing.

In **Design Technology** we will design, make and evaluate a fruit crumble and in **Art** we will complete a unit on 'Use of Line.'

In **Music** the children will listen to a range of music and will then perform accurately at three different tempos on tuned instruments.