



**Autumn Term - Second
Half
04.11.24-20.12.24**

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

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Our Mission Statement

We would like to be recognised by the quality and depth of respect and love which we show towards each other. Mutual respect and tolerance are central to our way of life at St. Mary's as we meet Jesus Christ in each other.

WELCOME: We would like to welcome you to our Curriculum Newsletter which will outline the main areas of learning for your children over the next part of the term. The newsletter is designed to give you clear information about the subject areas we will be covering and also to give you an indication of how you can support your child's learning. If you have any further queries please contact your child's teacher via the usual communication channels.

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 4th November: School reopens for pupils

Friday 8th November: School photographer- individual photos

Monday 18th & Thursday 21st November: Parents' Evening

Friday 15th November: Home Clothes day for Elfridges

Friday 22nd November: Home Clothes day for bottle stall

Friday 29th November: Stone Age workshop

Saturday 30th November: Christmas Fair

Thursday 12th December: KS2 Carol Service at St Edmund's

Wednesday 18th December: Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 20th December: End of term Mass (9.10am), School closes for pupils (2pm)

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Religious Education

In our R.E. lessons we will be focusing on “**Mary Our Mother**” and reflecting on Mary’s role as our Mother. We will be thinking about how she shows her love for us and how we can show our love for her. There will also be a focus on identifying ways in which we can prepare for the birth of Jesus during Advent.

RSE

We will be thinking about what makes us all special. We will be discussing our similarities and differences in our class and why we are all special to God. We will be thinking about our emotional well-being and will also be thinking about how we show love to our family and friends and how we develop healthy relationships with them.

English

Writing: The children will be exploring a range of texts in class with the opportunity to write their own narratives and writing non-fiction texts. We will be focussing on texts: Stone Age Boy and How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth.

Reading: Weekly comprehension exercises will continue to develop comprehension skills. The children are becoming more independent in their reading so please continue reading with your child every day and having your child bring in their reading journals once a week (Wednesday). Exploring a range of books at home and school will develop their love for reading. Please question your child to help their understanding and give them opportunities to express their opinions about characters or books. Through encouraging reading with expression as well as for an audience, your child’s confidence reading aloud will improve.

Grammar: We are focusing on developing understanding of homophones, prefixes, apostrophes and adjectives.

Non-Fiction Text: We will be focusing on information texts, including the structure and the use of appropriate vocabulary through our work on the Stone Age through to Iron Age.

Mathematics

We will be covering the following aspects of the Year Three curriculum this half term.

Multiplication and Division: We will be recalling and using the 3, 4 and 8 tables. The children will be using arrays to represent these and be able to show the inverse on the multiplication and division facts. Please continue to practice the 2, 5 and 10 tables with your child to increase the recall speed when presented in a random order.

Addition and Subtraction: We will continue working on our written methods for adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers. The children will be learning how to do similar calculations mentally.

The children are going to be mastering these topics as well as place value and are going to be developing their fluency in maths. We will be completing regular reasoning and problem solving tasks to ensure they are able to use the methods taught in practical applications.

Please encourage number talk at home when completing homework. It is important for the children to feel confident explaining a method and/or calculation to build solid foundations for KS2.

Science

Our next topic is 'Forces'. Children will observe that magnetic forces can act without direct contact. They will explore the behaviour and every day uses of different magnets (for example, bar, ring, button and horseshoe).

Children will work scientifically by comparing how different things move and grouping them. They will develop as scientists being able to raising question, record information and make conclusions.

They will be exploring the strengths of different magnets and conduct experiments to compare. We will be sorting materials into magnetic and not, discussing what properties make a material magnetic.

Other Curriculum Areas

PE: Our PE lessons will be on a Monday with the Class Teacher and Wednesday with Mr Verga our specialist PE Coach, so please ensure your child has the appropriate PE kit.

History: The children will study the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. The children will attend a Stone Age workshop in school on Friday 1st December.

Art and Design: In Art, we will be looking at Landscapes. We will be creating landscapes in different styles and discussing the effects of these artist decisions.

Computing: The children will be focusing on their coding skills and using the repeat command.

French: This half-term's topic is 'Jeux et chansons'.

And finally ...

Literacy and Maths homework is given on a Friday to be returned by Wednesday. Children should be reading a range of texts at home and completing their reading journal which will help support our child's own writing. Regular revision of number bonds and timetables will help your children feel confident in maths so please continue to encourage this.

Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled as the cloakrooms are limited in space and quickly fill up with un-identifiable clothing.

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school every day and they return it the next day after attending a club. Our PE days are on Tuesday and Thursday. The children need to wear a plain dark tracksuit during the colder weather.