

Spring Term - First Half

06.01.25 - 13.02.25

#### **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.

# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

# Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

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Welcome and a Happy New Year.

We ended the year with some wonderful festivities and as a year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuous support. The children made us so proud learning those words for the carols and singing beautifully. Well done Year 3!

We are looking forward to a busy half term where we will be learning about Europe and starting our Healthy Eating topic in Design and Technology. We will be giving you more information about this at a later date, when the ingredients are needed.

In Music the children will be continuing on their Strings project. We look forward to hearing their endeavours.

### **Dates for your Diary:**

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January Inset day children not at school
- Wedsbesday 15<sup>th</sup> January Young Shakespeare Company in school.
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January School reopens for pupils
- Beginning of term Mass Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February & Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February Book looks
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February Inset Day children not at school

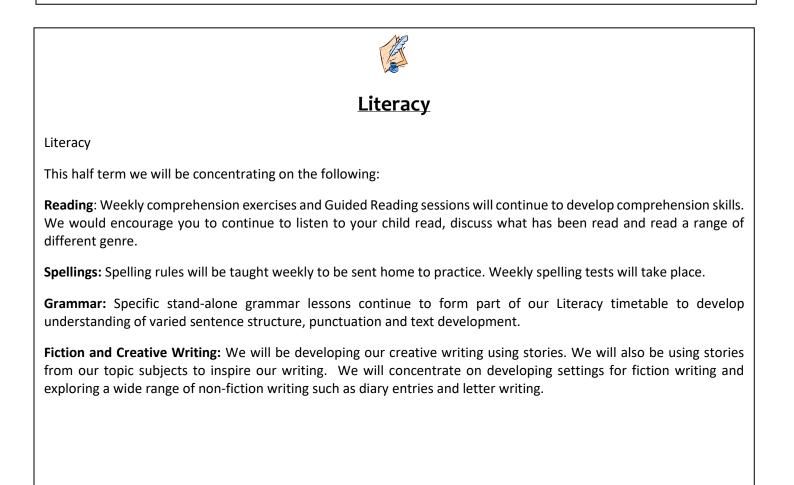


## **Religious Education**

We will be following 'The Way, the Truth and the Life' scheme and our next topic is 'Called to Change'. We look as Jesus's role as a teacher and the power of forgiveness and reconciliation.

### <u>RSE</u>

Following the Ten Ten relationships education program, our focus this term will be looking at the topic 'Created to love others'. This session will help children to identify more complex relationships in their lives, including family, friends and other people; they will explore how to relate to people within these different relationships. Children will also discuss what it means to be a good friend, and learn some strategies to use when relationships become difficult.





#### **Mathematics**

**Number and Place Value:** Children will continue to further their understanding of the number system including place value of three digits. This will include the ability to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100; children will continue to learn their 3, 4, and 8 times tables. They will continue to develop their column addition and subtraction up to 3 digits.

**Fractions:** Children will start to use fractions and will recognise and show fractions using, diagrams and equivalent fractions with small denominators. Recognise, find and write fractions of a discrete set of objects: unit fractions & non-unit fractions with small denominators. Compare and order unit fractions, and fractions with the same denominators

Measures: Length/ Mass/ Volume Measure, compare, add & subtract, Lengths (m/cm/mm), mass (kg/g) volume/ capacity (l/ml).

**Multiplication & Division:** Write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using known multiplication tables, including 2-digit x 1-digit, using mental and progressing to formal written methods. Children will write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using known multiplication tables, including the use of money and length.

#### <u>Science</u>



In our Science topic this term, we will be learning about Animals including Humans need the right types and amounts of nutrition. They cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat.

We will also identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. We will work scientifically by identifying and grouping animals, compare, and contrast different diets of animals and humans.

### **Other Curriculum Areas**

**P.E:** PE lessons will be on a Monday morning and we will be focusing on gymnastics. Our PE session with our coach, Mr Verga, will be on Wednesdays, so PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS THE APPROPRIATE PE KIT INCLUDING TRAINERS AND A PLAIN NAVY OR BLACK TRACKSUIT FOR OUTSIDE. Please ensure these are LABELLED.

**Geography:** We will be studying Europe – looking at the physical geography, various climates and comparting countries.

Design and Technology: We will be learning about healthy eating in science, so we will be making a healthy snack.

French: We will be looking at games and songs as well as celebrations.

**Computing:** This half-term, the children will be learning about the layout of keyboard and practising typing with left and right hand.

## Pencil Case Equipment

Please ensure your child has a fully-equipped pencil case, including:

- Pencils / leads for mechanical pencils
- Sharpener
- Eraser
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Whiteboard pen

We are unable to provide these for the children.

#### Lastly

Please ensure all uniform is **LABELLED**, as the cloakrooms are limited in space and quickly fill up with unidentifiable clothing.

Please support the local library service and encourage your children to visit the library and make use of the wide range of texts and activities available to them

Homework: Homework will be handed out on <u>FRIDAY AND DUE BACK IN BY THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY</u>. Their homework <u>INCLUDES</u> the weekly completion of a task from their reading journals. This is the children's responsibility to ensure this is done and handed in on time.

Please continue to read a range of fiction and non-fiction books everyday with your child. It is important that you spend time discussing and questioning the text to improve your child's understanding.

Some useful websites: www.ictgames.co.uk , www.topmarks.co.uk , www.nrichmaths.org and the BBC websites are also very useful.

We trust you find this information useful. Thank you from the Year 3 Team.