

# YEAR 3 SPRING 1

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2024



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. It was lovely to get to know the children just before Christmas and I am looking forward to being their teacher in Year 3. We are very lucky to have Mrs Caldwell working with us to support us this half term, and Mr Lewandowski will be delivering PE lessons on Wednesday afternoons. Mrs Middleton will be teaching Year 3 on a Tuesday afternoon and a Wednesday morning.

In English this half term, the children will be enhancing their vocabulary and trying to embed interesting vocabulary into their writing. We will learn how to use similes, personification and to make effective verb and adjective choices. We will continue to begin lessons with grammar starters, recapping prior learning and covering new Year 3 objectives. We will also embed some Year 3 objectives through our cross curricular writing as we write a tour guide for North America, linked with our geography topic.

We will continue to read for pleasure in class throughout each school week. Please continue to listen to your child read as much as possible at home and ask them questions to deepen their understanding in order to support them in developing their reading and writing skills.

In maths this half term, we will continue on multiplication and division facts, regularly revisiting and recapping the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Please continue to practise these at home. Throughout all work, there will be a problem solving and reasoning focus where the children can apply their learning. We will also have a short session each week working on arithmetic skills, mental maths and times tables.

The children will be going swimming this half term which will be very exciting. Please ensure they come to school pool ready in their P.E kit and bring a snack in their school bag for when we return to school. Please don't forget a towel and underwear!

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please visit our website to see our knowledge organisers. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Mrs Wray



### Important Days

**Daily:** Reading books and reading records are needed

**Tuesday:** Swimming (come in PE kit pool ready)

**Wednesday:** P.E kit

**Friday:** Spelling Test

### Important Dates

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January**  
Year 3 start swimming

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 9am**  
Year 3 open classroom

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am**  
Year 3 and Reception Mass in Church

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January**  
Year 3 school trip

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January**  
Year 3 Class Saint Day- St John Bosco

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**  
School closes for half-term

