

YEAR 3 SPRING 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2023

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"Happy together in God's family,
we love, grow and learn."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas.

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 also be varying our sentence openers as we work on a variety of fictional pieces, including a setting description and narrative. We will also embed some of these skills through cross curricular contexts such as a letter of advice for staying safe online. We will continue to begin each lesson with a grammar starter, recapping both Year 2 and Year 3 objectives to revise and embed the concepts as much as possible.

We will continue to read for pleasure using our novel 'Spud Murphy' which the children are thoroughly enjoying. As mentioned previously, please listen to your child read as much as possible 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 be continuing to work on multiplication and division facts, regularly revisiting and recapping the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Any practice you can do at home to consolidate this would be hugely appreciated. We will then be applying our knowledge to multiplying and dividing 2 digit numbers. There will be a problem solving and reasoning focus once a week, where the children will apply what we have learnt. We will also have a short session each week (Monday morning) working on arithmetic skills, mental maths and times tables.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please refer to our [knowledge organisers](#).

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,
Mrs Harrison



Important Days

Monday:

Reading books changed
Mental maths mini test (as dated on the slip)
Spelling Test
PE lessons (come in PE kit)

Thursday

PE lessons (come in PE kit)

Important Dates

12.1.23 – Islam workshops
for Y3 and Y4

25.1.23 – Reception & Y3
class Mass @ 9:30am

30.1.22 – Y3 maths parent
workshop via Zoom @ 4pm

31.1.23 – Y3 class saint day
– Feast of St. John Bosco

10.2.23 – Finish for half term

Thursday	26	10.00am	Open the Book
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February

Wednesday	1	9.15am	Year 5 class assembly*
Thursday	2	4.00pm	Year 1 maths meeting via Zoom*
Monday	6	3.30pm	Year 5 residential meeting*
Tuesday	7	2.00pm	Reception stay and play*
Tuesday	7	4.00-6.30pm	Year 4 parents evening*
Thursday	9	9.15am	Reception class assembly*
Thursday	9	4.00-6.30pm	Year 4 parents evening*
Friday	10	9.15am	Year 1 class assembly*
Friday	10		School closes