

YEAR 3 AUTUMN 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2016



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we love, grow and learn."

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school after the half term break! The children in Year 3 have made a great start to their time in KS2. They have all responded well to their added responsibilities in class and it is a pleasure to see them growing in maturity.

This half term will see the introduction of the First Holy Communion programme to both parents and children. This is an aspect of Year 3 that all of the children are very excited about, especially following meeting their Prayer Sponsors in Year 6! Details of all the relevant events and dates for the year will be given to parents at the first meeting on 10th November.



Again, Year 3 will be supported in their learning by Mrs Gill and Mrs Stafford. Year 3 will also be continuing their Spanish lessons this year, which are taught by Mrs Wilson.

We value the help and support of all parents/carers, therefore, if anyone would be interested in becoming a parent helper in Year 3 then please let me know.

Mrs Hanley

Year 3 Class Teacher

Important Days

Monday:

Hand in homework.
Reading books changed.
PE kit required.

Wednesday:

Reading books changed.

Thursday:

Reading books changed.
PE kit required.

Friday:

Spelling test
Times Table Test (alternate weeks)
Homework given.

Year 3 Topics

- In RE, we will be studying Mary our Mother. The children will explore the importance of Mary.
- Our work in English will begin by studying Non-Fiction based on Tutankhamun. We will then move on to a Fiction unit on Legends.
- In Maths this half term, our work will include formal methods of Addition and Subtraction as well as basic mental maths and times table work.
- In Science, the children will be studying Rocks. Through this unit, the children will compare and describe different kinds of rocks. They will also describe how fossils are formed.
- In Spanish, the children will continue their curriculum by working on their greetings and then will look at Christmas topics.
- In History, we will continue our learning about Stone Age to Iron Age Britain, which will be enhanced with a trip soon.

Important Dates

- Thurs 10th Nov—FHC meeting to parents 4.30pm.
- W/C 14th Nov—Anti-Bullying Week.
- Tues 15th Nov—Open Day.
- Sun 20th Nov—FHC Presentation Mass 11am.
- Thurs 24th Nov—Y3 Class Assembly 9.15am.
- Fri 25th Nov—Non-Uniform day. (Bring a bottle)
- Mon 28th Nov—Y3 Trip to Herd Farm.
- Fri 2nd Dec—FHC Mass 9.30am.
- Tues 13th Dec—KS2 Carol Concert 6.30pm.
- Wed 14th Dec—Non-uniform Day, Music Assembly 9.15am & Christmas Parties.
- Thurs 15th Dec—Christmas Dinner.
- Fri 16th Dec—Whole School Mass 9.30am.
- Fri 16th Dec—School Closes.

Homework

Reading: Year 3 children are expected to read for 20 minutes per night. Books are changed by Mrs Gill on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and will be sent home on these days. As the books will begin to get longer in KS2, the children may not be ready to change their book on every changing day but should ensure they aim for at least once a week. School reading books can also be complimented with own choice reading books, magazines, newspapers and online reading books on Bug Club.



Spellings: Children will be given a set of spellings (up to 8 words) each Friday to be brought home and practice. We will be using the spellings in many different ways throughout the week to aid learning. The children will be tested the following Friday.

Times Tables: The children are required to learn their tables by heart.

We have already worked on the 3 times table and we are now focussing on the 4 times table. We will then move on to the 8 times table. They will be tested each alternate Friday on these.

Written Homework: This will be given out on a Friday to be returned on Monday. This task should take about 20 minutes and is completed in a homework book. There will be a balance of English and Maths, along with some topic work throughout the year.

ICT: As you are aware, the children have learnt to E-Mail during Autumn 1 and it would be nice if you could regularly E-Mail your child so they have messages to read and reply to when they get chance to check their account. Please also encourage them to keep using their account at home.

Parental Assistance

Please can you :

*Support your child with their homework.

*Read together as a family.

*Ensure your child knows their times tables well.

* Ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day.



Home Access

Remember to log onto Bug Club for extra reading and writing activities.



For Maths fun, use Mathletics and the White Rose Maths Hub.



Twitter: Please follow us on Twitter for regular updates of what your child is doing in class.

Plus lots of useful reminders on there too.

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