

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Year 3 – Autumn Term (2nd half)



I hope you had a lovely half-term holidays. I would just like to say a big thank you for all the very kind words and gifts I received on my return to school at the end of the term. They really were appreciated very much and really put a smile on my face. I feel very blessed to be teaching Cherry Class again this year and thank you all very much for your continued support.

This half term our topic is, **Extreme Earth**.

Please see attached our topic overview.

Year 3 home learning

Subject	Set on Google Classroom	Due in	Frequency
Spellings Common exception words	Friday	There will be a spelling test every Friday, testing the spellings from the previous week.	Weekly
Maths	Friday	Wednesday	Weekly
Topic	Friday	Wednesday	As required
Reading	<p>We expect the children to read at home daily. Daily practice can really support your child's progress, even if it is for just 5 minutes every day.</p> <p>This term, your child will start to take responsibility for changing their book when they have finished it. If they are on Accelerated Reader, they will quiz on that book to check their understanding. It is important that they read the books sent home from school, as we monitor their progress with these quizzes. They have a login in the back of their Yellow Reading Records which they use in school. During Year 3, we support your child to become more independent with completing a test when they have finished reading their book. In class, there will be more independent quiet reading time, where we will encourage the children to write in their yellow books to say which page they have read up to.</p> <p>Although we are encouraging more independent reading, it is also essential that your child continues to read at home to an adult. We have a Reading Stars System in Class where we monitor and celebrate how much your child is reading to an adult. Each week, we calculate how many times they have read and their name then moves up the chart resulting in certificates when they reach the 25, 50, 75 and 100 markers. This is calculated on your comments in your child's reading record so please continue to sign and write comments when you have read with your child.</p> <p>As part of your reading routine, you can support your child by asking questions about the book. E.g. How is Lucy feeling when...? What do you think will happen next? Can you discuss your favourite words and phrases?</p> <p>It would also be useful if you could ask your child to collect new/unknown words from their book, find their meaning and share them with the class. We have a magpie board in class which we can add these too.</p>		

Reminders

School lunch and snacks	<p>If you would like your child to have a school dinner, please see the school website for the menu and order these through Parent Pay or alternatively they can bring a packed lunch.</p> <p>We promote healthy eating at school and so lunch boxes should not contain more than one chocolate snack and one packet of crisps.</p> <p>Children are welcome to bring fresh fruit or vegetables for a snack at break time.</p> <p>We are a nut free school. We have children with potentially fatal nut allergies in school, therefore no food containing nuts may be sent into school.</p>
Drinks	<p>Your child must have a named water bottle in school every day. Please only send in water, no juice or fizzy is allowed.</p>
Uniform	<p>Please ensure all uniform is clearly named.</p> <p>Grey trousers or shorts, Grey skirt or pinafore dress, white or grey socks, Grey tights, White polo shirt, Green logo school sweatshirt or cardigan. Warm weather option – green and white gingham dress (dress with shorts instead of skirt is acceptable)</p> <p>Hair past shoulder length must be tied back – please use plain hairbands in green, black or white, not brightly coloured bows.</p> <p>Nail varnish is not allowed.</p> <p>School shoes must be black and no heels, trainers or boots.</p>
PE kit	<p>This term, your child needs to come to school in their P.E kit on a Monday. They will stay in it for the day so do not need to bring their uniform.</p> <p>Green t-shirt with school logo, black shorts, black or navy jogging bottoms and trainers. All kit must be named and in a named bag.</p> <p>Ear rings must be removed or covered with tape for PE lessons.</p> <p>Watches must be removed for PE.</p>
Forest School	<p>For the Autumn term, we will have Forest School with Mrs Turner on a Tuesday afternoon. Please send your child in with their clothes for Forest School as they will get changed ready for the afternoon. A separate letter has been sent regarding this and there is more information on the School Website under Forest School for what they need.</p>
Bags	<p>Year 3 need to bring their book bag into school daily. This is so books can easily be checked and letters put in.</p> <p>Children can have a bag or rucksack in school but please avoid the large bulky ones as rucksacks can take up a lot of room in the class.</p>
Mornings	<p>School starts promptly at 8.55am. The children begin their learning at this time so please ensure that your child arrives promptly.</p> <p>Your child will be greeted at the patio gate by an adult. Please only pass on quick messages then, for a longer meeting please make an appointment.</p> <p>Children and parents arriving after 8.55am will be asked to sign in at the office.</p>
After school	<p>School finishes at 3.30pm. If someone other than yourself is collecting your child please ensure the office has their details and that I am informed. We will not let them leave unless we are sure they are safe.</p>
Contact details	<p>Please ensure your contact details and those of other people who may collect your child are always kept up to date. Please see the office asap if you change your phone number or address.</p>

Teaching assistants

The teaching assistants working in Cherry Class this half-term are Mrs Kerr, Miss Weston and Mrs Matthews. Mr Rainey and Miss Reilly are joining us as trainee teachers. They will be with us for a couple of weeks this term and then returning again after Christmas.

We recognise the importance of passing information between parents and school so I am available at the start and end of the day if you need to pass on any messages over the fence. If you need to speak to me at the end of the day, please wait until I have seen all of the children out safely. If you would like a longer chat, please make an appointment. You can speak to me in the morning or email the school office to arrange an appointment.

I have scheduled Parent's Evenings for Wednesday 10th November and Thursday 18th November. You would have received these times at the end of last term and a zoom link will be sent nearer the time. Please let me know if you are unable to make it so that we can reschedule.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Rowe