

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Year 3 – Autumn (1st half)



Welcome to Year 3. It is wonderful to be working with this class again. I am very excited about the year ahead and look forward to a wonderful year together.

We are taking time to help the children to settle back into being at school and the move to Key Stage 2. Their mental wellbeing and happiness is our number one priority. I am very proud of how well they have settled back so quickly.

We will continue to use Google Classroom with your child's login from last year. Homework will continue to be posted through Google Classroom. If you are having problems with the platform then please let me know.

Please see attached our topic overview.

Year 3 home learning

Subject	
Reading - Weekly Weekly	<p>We expect the children to read at home daily. In Key Stage 2, we use Accelerated Reader. When your child has finished reading a book, they can quiz on it to check their comprehension. It is important that they read books within their number range which I will give them. Of course they can read other books additionally but to support them with the reading and comprehension it is important that they are reading books at their level.</p> <p>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>Daily practice can really support your child's progress, even if it is just for five minutes every day.. 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>
Maths Flex/TTRS - Weekly	Please continue to use these websites weekly.
Spelling - Weekly	Each week, a spelling task will be set through Google Classroom linked to our class learning.
Wider Curriculum	Parents often ask about how they could further support learning at home, so we put together menu of ideas linked to our topics in class. This can be completed throughout the term.

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. Please discuss with your child what you have ordered as sometimes this can lead to disappointment if they don't know what they are having.</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>
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	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.
Drinks	Your child must have a named water bottle in school every day. Please only send in water, no juice or fizzy is allowed.
Uniform	Please ensure all uniform is clearly named. 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) Hair past shoulder length must be tied back – please use plain hairbands in green, black or white, not brightly coloured bows. Nail varnish is not allowed. School shoes must be black and no heels, trainers or boots.
PE kit	Green t-shirt with school logo, black shorts, black or navy jogging bottoms and trainers. Ear rings must be removed or covered with tape for PE lessons. Watches must be removed for PE. PE kit must be worn into school on a Tuesday and a Thursday .
Bags	Year 3 need to bring their book bag into school daily. This is so books can easily be checked and letters put in. 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.
Mornings	School starts promptly at 8.55am so the doors will be open at 8:50am. 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. Children and parents arriving after 9.00am will be asked to sign in at the office.
After school	School finishes at 3.30pm. If someone other than yourself is collecting your child please ensure the office has their details. We will not let them leave unless we are sure they are safe.
Contact details	Please ensure you 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.

Specialist teachers

Mrs Gates will be teaching the children on a Wednesday morning and P.E will be taught by Primary Sports.

Key dates for this half term

Friday 27th September – Trip to Kent’s Cavern.

We recognise the importance of passing information between parents and school so we are available at the start and end of the day if you need to pass on any messages. However, if you would like a longer chat please make an appointment with me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Rowe