



Term: Autumn 1 2021
Year Group: 3

Information For Parents

“Loving God, we ask you to wrap our school family in a cloak of love and protection as our schools reopen this year. Bless our School Family, our Staff and Governors as they continue their good work that they have already begun to ensure a welcoming and safe environment for all. Bless our parents as they again entrust their children, confident we can all work together to help them become the very best they can. Above all, God of Love, we ask you to extend your hand of blessing on our pupils as they joyfully reunite with their friends and all in the School Community. May they continue to progress in their studies and always know they are safe, secure and protected in your loving embrace.

We know much will seem very different again this year, but, Gracious God, we are confident that through the intercession of our own Saints, Saint John Bosco, Our Mother Mary, St Joseph and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, your love and care for each of us will never change.

May we show the same love and care for one another in all we do and say this year.

Amen”

(Final Blessing from Federation Prayer Moment, Staff Inset Day, September 1st, 2021)

Dear Parents and carers,

We extend a huge welcome to all parents new and old as we begin the 2021/2022 academic year at St Mary’s R.C. Primary School. We hope that you managed to have a relaxing summer, spending time with friends and family.

As we commence the new academic year, we are reminded of our Federation’s Mission Statement, which is based on the parable of **‘The Mustard Seed and Yeast’ (Matthew 13.31)**

“A man took a grain of mustard seed, and sowed it in his field. Indeed, the seed is smaller than all seeds but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches.”

At the heart of this parable is the notion of ‘growth’, that wonderful things can come from the smallest or humblest of beginnings and that each and every one of our children have God given talents that require nurturing and celebrating. In turn, these gifts from God can inspire and motivate others to succeed and to reach their full potential.

Please support your child in their educational, emotional and spiritual growth by developing a 'Growth Mindset'. The **8 learning behaviours** we focus on at school are:

- *Being curious (curiosity)
- *Having a go (perseverance)
- *Co-operating
- *Enjoying learning
- *Improving
- *Using your imagination (creativity)
- *Concentrating *Not giving up (resilience)

We very much look forward to an enjoyable and rewarding year ahead at St Mary's, Battersea, working closely together with our wider school community, our parish and our partner school, Sacred Heart.



Here is a brief outline of what your child will be learning about this half term:

Subject	Coverage	Suggestions as to how you can support learning at home
English	<p>In year 3 we will be reading 'Stone Age Boy' and 'How to wash a Woolly Mammoth'.</p> <p>Children will be writing Character descriptions and settings incorporated within a fictional narrative and also writing instructions.</p> <p>We will also be thinking about time adverbial openers and using contractions such as 'don't', 'couldn't' and 'it's' in our writing.</p>	<p>Expand vocabulary such as adjectives and command sentences using exclamation marks.</p> <p>Ask children if they can re-count a chapter using time adverbs such as 'next', 'after that' using past tense accurately.</p>
Maths	<p>Place value, ordering numbers, addition & subtraction using the column method and multiplication & division.</p> <p>-Using our knowledge of timetables to solve multiplication and division problems.</p>	<p>Use maths in practical settings such as shopping and handling money. Practise timetables (2, 5, 10, 4,3 and 8s) as often as you can!</p>
RE	<p>Our main topic will be "Homes" – God's vision for every family.</p> <p>Just before half term we will begin the topic of "Promises" where we will be</p>	<p>Make a collage using family photographs of family members who show God's love.</p> <p>Write underneath it "We show God's love to one another."</p>

	looking at the promises made at their baptism.	Talk to your child about his/her baptism and its significance to their faith. Discuss Godparents with your child. Children can bring in a picture of their baptism.
Science	Rocks, soils and fossils. We will be learning about some different rocks and their various characteristics and uses. Following that we will be looking at the make-up of soil and we will compare different soils. We will then be learning about the process of fossilisation, and investigating fossils too.	When going for a walk help children to observe and identify rocks and their properties, and what uses different types of rocks have. Research the different uses for different rocks Notice how some soils are different colours. Research why this is. Look up Mary Anning and discover why she was famous.
<u>History/</u> Geography	The Stone Age to the Iron Age . We will be looking at this period of time in detail, including lifestyle, archaeological evidence, Skara Brae and Stonehenge.	Do some research at home about these significant historical times. Look out for TV shows that may inform your child about this topic.
Computing	Computing this half term will include discussions about e-safety. Digital Literacy will be covered with cross-curricular links to Science and Topic. We will use a variety of apps that develop coding and debugging in Year 3 too.	Discuss e-safety with your child. Eg never tell anyone your name and address online. Download and explore some of the following apps: Scratch Junior, Daisy the Dinosaur, Hopscotch, Kodable as well as iMotion, Morpho, Puppet Pals, Explain Everything and Book Creator.
PE	This term, Year 3 will be learning Hockey. The children will be focusing on developing their dribbling, control, and the various techniques of both passing and shooting. This will help enhance their ability to apply these skills in combination. Within game situations, they will work to gain an understanding of tactical awareness and communication with teammates.	Encourage your child to remain active outside of school and practice the skills they have been learning in school e.g. ball control.
Music	This term we will be building on the fundamentals of music – rhythm, pitch, modal harmony, musical form – and composing simple pieces. We will also be developing accurate and expressing use of voices through singing and rhythmic chanting.	Enjoy and appreciate music and singing with your child at home. Encourage your child to listen to classical music and be able to identify which instruments are playing in the orchestra.

Italian (KS2 only)	Greetings, Introducing yourself - Colours - Numbers to 20 - Four Seasons in -Art – Autumn Grammar To be verb What is your name? How many?	Ask your children to repeat the colours, numbers and seasons in Italian.
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All teachers at St Mary's R.C Primary School follow the homework policy.

In year 3 we will follow this homework timetable:

Subject	Handed out	Due in on	How you can help
Spellings	Thursday	Tuesday	Read, write, and check at home. Complete weekly spellings worksheet
Maths			Sit down with your child and support them as they complete their homework to consolidate learning. Allow your child to use Mathletics.
English			Go through the reading comprehension text with your child, explaining unfamiliar words. Bitesize is a suggested website to use to familiarise yourself/your child with grammar and vocabulary for Year3.
Reading	Daily – 20 minutes Please bring in Reading books to school every day.		Listen to your child reading for a minimum of 20 minutes daily and support them in writing about their favourite and least favourite parts of what they have read in their Reading Record.

PE is an essential part of the curriculum. We are lucky enough to have specialist teachers and coaches. Please send your child in with his or her PE kit on Monday, and leave it at school until Friday. Any absences from PE need to be explained in a letter.

PE day for Year 3 is Monday.

Please remember to remove your child's earrings on a Monday.

Kind regards,

Ms Kilcommons

Mrs. Payne