

Year 3 Class Newsletter



Spring Term
2018

Important reminders

- Please make sure all items of uniform are clearly named.
- Please make sure any money sent into school is in a labeled envelope.
- Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school every day.
- Homework will consist of reading, Maths and a project. Please complete the homework by the deadlines set.
- Please listen to your child read at least 3 times a week.

Welcome to Holy Trinity

We would like to welcome you all back and we hope you have had a fantastic Christmas break. Hopefully everyone is looking forward to what we are sure will be a great Spring term.

This newsletter contains information about what you should expect from the Spring term. In the event of the information or topics changing, I will notify you by letter.

If at any time you have any questions or you are unsure of anything, please ask or contact the office and an appointment can be made for a convenient time.

What does learning look like in year 3?

The children will be learning about a variety of different subjects throughout this term. Mathematics and English are taught daily, as is guided reading and handwriting. If a Mathematics lesson is omitted due to a literacy day, additional mathematics will be taught throughout the week and vice versa.

Mathematics

In addition to the statutory mathematics being taught, the children will be completing mental math's tests. These cover all areas of the National Curriculum.

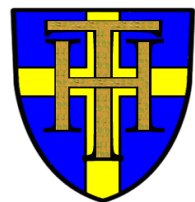
The children will need to learn their personal times tables which now consist of 0 to 12 times tables in accordance with the National Curriculum. They have a times table test every Tuesday morning. However, it is important the children apply this knowledge in their daily mathematics lessons and do not just learn them for the tests. Therefore I suggest you randomly ask your child times tables whilst driving, walking to school... to keep this knowledge fresh in their minds.

English

In literacy the children are learning about Traditional tales. They will be using these to create their own stories as well as looking at the structure of these stories. The grammar focus will be structuring sentences and writing creative narratives in paragraphs. In the second half of the Spring term we are planning to focus on Letters, traditional poems and persuasive writing.

Reading

Guided Reading is taught daily, where the children read a book with an adult, whilst also completing independent comprehension activities based on the focused text. As a class, we will be reading fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl as well as some short stories from Dragons at Crumbling Castle and other stories by Terry Pratchett.



Our motto is:

Alta Pete – Aim High

"The primary aim of the school is to help each pupil reach his or her full potential so that they may develop the attitudes, skills and knowledge to take full advantage of the opportunities available in their future lives."



Science

In the Spring term the children will be learning about forces and magnets followed by rocks and soils. In the first topic will be looking at the different types of forces and then at how magnets work. Our second topic is rocks and soils in which we will be looking at the different types of rocks and soils and thinking about how they are formed.

Physical Development

PE will continue to take place every Wednesday afternoon with Mrs Tyrrell and Thursday afternoon with Miss Plant. Please ensure your child has a named PE kit in school every day as sometimes the lesson times could change due to special events.

Children are required to remove or cover earrings for all PE lessons. It is preferred that children have a black pair of trainers and navy blue/black jogging bottoms included in their PE kit as some PE lessons will take place outside.

Foundation Subjects

We are learning about Christianity and in particular Jesus' miracles in RE this half term moving on to the Easter story and forgiveness.

In the National Curriculum PSHE is not required to be taught until Key Stage 3. However, we are continuing to discuss a new way to deliver PSHE across the school.

Our new topics are Extreme Earth followed by our European neighbours. During Extreme Earth we will be looking at rivers, coasts and mountains. We will then look at our European neighbours and look at a variety of countries.

Homework

Homework is given to develop an effective partnership between home and school. It has many aims but primarily it is to consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding in English and Mathematics. It may also extend learning through research and investigation.

The task set is the responsibility of the child with the support of parents. Homework encourages independence and responsibility in the children. The reading records are also important, so please sign them and write comments. Ideally each child should read at home each evening, although we appreciate this may not always be possible.

Homework will be each half term, asking the children to complete a project for the half term. Projects allow children to be independent and creative.

Clubs, Trips and Productions.

Fun Football and The Choir are continuing; see the office for details. If more clubs become available you will be notified by a separate letter.

I hope you all enjoyed learning about what the children have learnt through their curriculum production.

We hope this year will be exciting as well as educational for your children and I hope this information has been helpful.

The Year 3 team - Mrs Tyrrell, Mrs Stickler and Miss Loftus.

