



# St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

Set sail for Success



## Y3 CLASS LETTER Autumn 1

Welcome back! We very much hope that you've had an enjoyable Summer break and that your children are excited to come back to school and learn.

### Things your child will be learning in the next few weeks

Over the next half term, we are going to be exploring the book 'Firebird' by Saviour Pirotta. It is a beautiful story based on a Russian folk tale and turned into a ballet. In class we will be writing our own poetry to describe the firebird and writing diary entries in role as one of the characters. Later on in the half term we will begin writing a newspaper report focusing on the main events in the story.

To start off our learning journey in Maths we will be doing a week of inspirational Maths covering a range of topics, from basic number facts to fractions! After this we will begin our first full topic – place value up to 1000.

In other areas of the curriculum, we will be investigating what it means to be a hero. We will begin by studying heroes from ancient Rome and learning what it took to be a soldier in the Roman Army. We will then be debating whether Roman invaders were heroes or villains, particularly those who invaded during Boudicca's revolt.

In RE, our focus is on 'Families'. We will be talking about what makes our families special to us as well as discussing how our school is like a family. We will also be thinking about God's family and our part within it.

### Things you could explore at home to help your child's learning

**Times tables** – Times tables are a huge focus in Year 3 to help prepare children for trickier Maths problems higher up the school. Please could you ensure that your child can confidently recall their 2, 5 and 10 times tables in any order. We will be focusing on our 3, 4 and 8 times tables in class as well.

**Reading and library** – Ideally your child should be reading at least three times a week at home. This does not always have to be their school issued reading book, although these books are designed to practice any Phonics your child may be struggling with. Record any additional reading your child does in their contact book, regardless of whether it is a school book or not.

**Spellings** – Spellings will be going home with your child very soon. We just need to complete our assessments first. Please look out for a short letter in your child's Contact Book over the next couple of weeks for further information.

### Things happening in school that you can get involved with

There will be two Whole School masses this half term. The dates for these are

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

All are welcome to attend and we hope to see you there.

Please also note that there are two Parents Evenings scheduled this half term. They are on 14<sup>th</sup> October and 16<sup>th</sup> October. A letter will be sent home later in the term informing you of how to make your appointment.

<p>Please take note of these points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PE kit needs to come in to school on Monday mornings. It will stay at school all week and then go home with your child on Friday.</b> This term our PE lesson is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon. Our secondary PE slot will be used for our Swimming lessons on Fridays.</li> <li>• When possible, children will be doing some of their PE lessons outside. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate <b>named</b> PE kit for the weather (e.g. jogging bottoms, hat, sweatshirt, sturdy trainers etc...)</li> <li>• Swimming kits must be in school on Fridays. A letter has been sent home with your child regarding appropriate kit.</li> </ul>
<p>How you can get in contact with us</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please write a note in your child's school diary in the first instance. We will respond back either in the school diary or through a phone call to update you. Appointments to meet with teachers need to be made in this way.</li> <li>• The start and end of each school day are always very busy and it is not usually possible for teachers to meet with parents at these times without making an appointment.</li> <li>• If it is an urgent issue, please call the school office.</li> <li>• Alternatively, if your message isn't urgent please contact the school office via email or telephone (<i>details below</i>).</li> </ul>
<p>If you have any questions or queries, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.</p>	
<p>Many thanks for your support</p>	
<p><b>Miss A Nobes</b></p>	<p><b>Y3 Class Teacher</b></p>