



St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

Set Sail for Success



Year 3 CLASS LETTER September 2021

Welcome to Year 3.

Your child's first year in Key Stage 2!

I know that the last two years have been massively uncertain and I am hoping for a much more settled year in order to prepare your child for the journey through the upper end of the school.

Things your child will be learning in the next few weeks

- In Maths, we're beginning with numbers to 1000, counting in hundreds, tens and one. We will also be focusing on the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will spend time focusing on recapping information that the children may have forgotten over the break. In year 3 the times tables that we will learn are 3, 4 and 8 and this is something we will be working on throughout the year.
- In English, our text for the first half term is 'Hansel and Gretel' by Anthony Brown. Through this text, we will learn about conventions of traditional tales and produce alternative endings.
Our text for the second half term is 'Romans on the rampage' where we will be writing non chronological reports which will also tie in nicely with our history topic of the Romans.
- Geography- in the first half term will be focused on regions of the UK and being able to locate the northern and southern hemispheres. Also being able to describe some cities within the UK.
- History – after half term, the focus will switch from Geography to History in which the children will cover the romans and Julius Caesar.
- Science – Our topic for the first half term is rocks and for the second half term is forces and magnets. We will be completing experiments and encouraging the children to become more independent in completing experiments and recording the results.
- RE- Our topics for RE are homes and families and Judaism and Justice. We will be exploring these themes through art, drama, debate and writing.
- Art – We will be focusing on drawing during our first half term, specifically at looking at creating fairy tale villains, linking to our English topic.
- DT – In DT, we will be designing Roman catapults using springs and magnets.
- ICT – In ICT, we will be focusing on E-safety and the importance of passwords and being safe online
- PSHE/RSHE – Our topic is love and virtue more specifically the concept of self-love and being loved by God.
- PE – we will have PE on a Tuesday and Wednesday where we will be covering gymnastics and travelling and balance.

<p>Things you could explore at home to help your child's learning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spellings – these will also be sent home on a Friday ready for the spelling test the following week. • Practicing times tables – children should already know their 2's, 5's and 10's and we will be learning our 3's, 4's and 8's over the course of this year. • Reading and library – Your child should be reading daily 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. In order to become free readers, your child needs to be able to read fluently and your support with this at home would be extremely beneficial. Your children all have access to the class and school library and books can be taken home. • Times table practice- it is essential that the children know their times tables in order to complete a huge portion of the Year 3 Math curriculum. Your child will struggle with many of the topics without a secure knowledge of times tables. Please encourage/ support your child to practice these at home. All children have TimesTables Rockstars logins that they can use to support them with practicing these.
<p>Please take note of these points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE – Our PE lesson is on a Tuesday and Wednesday, children should come in PE kits on these days – please check the uniform policy for information on the PE kit that your child should wear. Children will be doing their PE lessons outside. Please ensure that your child is wearing the appropriate named PE kit for the weather (e.g. jogging bottoms, hat, sweatshirt, sturdy trainers etc...) • Library – the children will get the chance to visit the library at least once weekly. I recommend that the children have their library books available every day so that they can access these when needed during school time.
<p>How you can get in contact with us</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can write a note in your child's diary. The diaries will be the main form of communication between the school and yourselves. It is important that the school diaries are checked daily so that you can keep up to date with any activities that have taken place during the school day. Please can you also sign to acknowledge that your child has read during the evening. • If it is an urgent issue, please call the school office. • Alternatively, if your message isn't urgent please contact the school office via email or telephone.
<p>If you have any questions or queries, then please don't hesitate to get in touch. My door is always open. Many thanks for your support.</p>	
<p>Miss O Cook</p>	<p>Year 3 Class Teacher</p>