

Curriculum Overview – Autumn Term 2019

Dear Parents,

It has been a pleasure welcoming the class to Year 3 and I am looking forward to a busy term and a great year of learning together. There are many things to look forward to in Year 3; the most important being First Holy Communion with preparations for the sacraments beginning next term.

You will be advised of any events through our weekly newsletter, but here are some key dates for your diary:

- Year 3 class assembly – Friday 18th October
- Harvest Festival at school- Tuesday 22nd October
- Parents Evening – Tuesday 22nd October and Thursday 24th October
- Theatre Trip – Thursday 12th December

During the Autumn Term your child will study the following curriculum areas:

R.E.

- The Christian Family
- Mary our Mother

English

- Instruction writing
- Recount
- Stories in familiar settings
- Narrative including descriptive writing
- Poetry
- Sentence construction and punctuation

Maths

- Place value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division

Science

- Animals including humans (focus on skeletons)
- Light and Dark

Geography

- The UK (focus on landmarks, land use and landscape features)
- Mountains

DT

- Food technology – healthy eating

PE

- Swimming
- Ball skills (delivered by Coach Dave)
- Creative games (delivered by Coach Dave)

ICT

- Programming using SCRATCH

Music (delivered by Mrs Duffy)

- Animal magic



- Christmas music

Homework

Children will also be using a homework diary for the first time. Please encourage your child to check in their diary for any homework or messages given. Generally speaking, homework will be as follows, although there may be the odd occasion where the timetable may change. Please sign the diary daily to show your child has completed their homework. Eg. Reading 10 minutes.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework:	Maths Due in the following Monday (children can hand this in earlier if they wish).	Reading 10 mins	Reading 10 mins	Reading	Spellings for the following Friday– practise for the test and write 10 sentences using the spellings.

In order to help the children to become more organised and independent when they arrive at school, please make sure they have the following items every day:

- Homework diary
- Completed homework (if applicable)
- Reading record book (signed)
- Reading book

- Swimming Kit – Wednesday (starting 6th November)
- Indoor pumps for ARTIS – Wednesday
- Outdoor PE Kit – Thursday

Reading is extremely important and so I would like all children to read a little every day at home as far as possible, this can be reading their formal class reading book, a book from the library or you reading a story to your child. It is really important that you also discuss what is happening in the story as this forms a crucial development in their understanding. Children will be able to change their own reading book whenever they have finished however their reading record should be signed by a parent to show they have read to an adult.

Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you would like to discuss anything.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to a wonderful Autumn Term.

Miss Liddy