



Year 3 Summer News 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians

The spring term has flown by and we are now back and in the summer term! This year is going by so fast and the First Holy Communions will be here before you know it. I hope you all had an enjoyable break. I have enjoyed hearing all about the holidays from the children.

The summer term is a busy time for us in Year 3, particularly the first few weeks with the build up to our First Holy Communions. I hope this newsletter will answer any queries you have but, as always, if you have any questions feel free to grab me at the end of the day, my door is always open.

Expectations of year 3

The children in Year 3, as in all classes, are expected to do their best in everything they do. High expectations of behaviour and work are necessary in order to help each child achieve their full potential.

- We expect their work and behaviour to be of the highest standard.
- We expect all work to be neatly presented.
- We expect all children to respect the Catholic ethos of the school.
- We expect all children to have the correct school uniform, including correct footwear, which is to be labelled. Now that they are juniors we expect your child to have a proper tie.
- Children are to have both indoor and outdoor P.E kits which should be left in school or brought in on the correct days. Year 3 will have P.E on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Homework

Your child will be set numeracy and literacy homework weekly. However, when necessary, this will be replaced with other subject areas. The homework will be given out on Friday and is due in on Wednesday unless otherwise stated.

Children should be reading every day at home and practising their times tables on a daily basis as they will be tested weekly. Times tables are essential to developing their numeracy, rapid recall of their times tables will enable them to access the numeracy curriculum with more ease.

The standard of homework expected is to be the same quality as their classwork. Parents are encouraged to support children with their homework but please do not do it for them. If your child is struggling they can come and see Ms Croarken or myself on Monday.

Reading

It is the school's requirement that your child spend at least 15 minutes reading every other day at home. Please try to hear your child read as often as possible to develop their speaking and listening skills. We will try to hear every child read at least once a week. Reading is essential to many areas of the curriculum. It is clearly evident in the classroom which children read regularly at home as they cope much better when applying these skills across the curriculum.

Please ensure the reading record is being filled in and signed by an adult. The reading record and their reading book must be brought in daily and will be signed by myself or Ms Croarken weekly.

What will Year 3 be learning this term?

RE

Religion always plays a big part in our curriculum, however, this term it will take an even greater role as we prepare to make our First Holy Communion. During the first half term we will be studying the unit 'Easter' before moving on to the unit 'The Eucharist is a thanksgiving to God'. This unit will aid us in our preparation for making our sacrament and will link closely with the work we have studied in our sacramental preparation meetings.

Literacy

This term we are looking at Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K Rowling. We will be writing letters, having debates and creating our own potions using specific instructions and creating an adventure story. We will also develop our comprehensive skills through answering questions about Harry Potter. The children will also be having weekly grammar lessons and handwriting practice.

Numeracy

The class will cover a range of mathematical skills outlined in the new national curriculum- number, place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, measurements, geometry, statistics and using and applying mathematical reasoning. Weekly maths lessons as well as daily times table practise will also be delivered. We will continue with 'tables club' to further improve the children's knowledge of their tables.

Science

This half term we will be studying the unit of work Light and Shadows. We will look at different light sources and what causes shadows. We will also look at how the position of a light source can affect a shadow. The children will also conduct an experiment to discover more about light reflecting.

History

During the first half term Year 3 will be studying the Anglo-Saxons and their settlement in Britain. We will look at the differences the Anglo-Saxons made to life in Britain and how their impact can still be felt today.

Art/ D&T

This half term we will be developing our colour and painting skills. We will be focussing on the work of Henri Matisse. We are going to create our own cut out pictures and create a picture in the style of Matisse using Harry Potter as our influence.

P.E

This half-term Year 3 will be working on their dance and athletics skills. P.E is on **Monday and Wednesday**. Children must have hair tied back and all jewellery removed. Children must wear the correct P.E uniform. Both indoor and outdoor kits are required as we don't know what the weather will be like.

Please keep up to date using our class blog and webpage! Here you can find out what Year 3 have been learning each week and see what we have been up to in class!

Dates for your diary

Sacramental preparation meetings in the parish room

The children have enjoyed attending these meetings and we hope that this term everybody can attend them as they are essential to prepare the children for their sacraments.

Monday 25th April- Celebration of Mass

Saturday 7th- Sunday 8th May- First Holy Communion.

Father Michael has now sent the list across regarding when children are making their First Holy Communion. To my knowledge it is the day you signed up for but if you have any queries or you are unsure please come and ask me.

A few parents have yet to pick a day and **must** go and speak to Fr Michael as soon as possible to pick a day.

We look forward to the term ahead and hope we can work together to encourage all children to aim high, believe in their abilities and be proud of their achievements.

Kind regards

Miss Ryan and Ms Croarken