



All Souls' Catholic PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 3 – Autumn Term Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Welcome back!



It has been an absolute pleasure meeting and getting to know you all. It is wonderful to see how mature Year 3 have been with all the change. They have settled back into school life quickly and sensibly. They should be extremely proud of themselves.

Over the past two weeks, we have gotten to know each other and learnt our new routines. We have started to rebuild our confidence. We are one TEAM in Year 3 and I hope everyone feels included. Miss McGaffney and I are really looking forward to the year ahead. We will be helping them all achieve their goals and feel proud of their achievements.

Expectations for Year 3

We have high expectations for all of the children in Year 3 and we wish for all children to be the very best they can be. We expect all children to respect the Catholic ethos of the school. We ask that children will take every opportunity given to them to develop to reach their full potential and achieve their goals. Children need to come to school ready to learn and have their uniform labelled and the correct footwear. Most of all, we expect the children to be willing to learn and grow as individuals, working to better themselves both academically and personally. We will be pushing them to believe in themselves. All we ever ask in Year 3 is that everyone tries their best!

Autumn Term Curriculum

The curriculum has started slightly differently this year with more of a focus on the basic skills in spelling, grammar, reading, writing, arithmetic and times tables. We are having shorter bursts of these lessons more regularly to help remind children of their prior learning and fill any gaps they may have missed so that they can continue to make good progress. Over the last two weeks, we have completed lots of different challenges to see exactly where the children are in their learning and how we will best support them going forward. We are very lucky to have Mr Youson supporting us with our PE curriculum. We have PE every-day and we will be spending more and more time outdoors. Please make sure your child is wearing the correct clothes for the weather e.g. raincoat with hood, gloves, sunhat ect. We will be going outdoors in all weathers. In art we will be studying the work of Andy Warhol and looking his style of work. Our Science curriculum will continue as usual, starting this term off by exploring 'Rocks' and hoping to use the outdoor environment as much as possible to help us in this. In RE, Year 3 are looking at belonging and preparing for their next step in their faith journey. We are hoping to organise some outdoor trips soon to support us with different areas of our curriculum.

Reading

Reading is the most valuable homework that your child could ever do and in Year 3 it is expected that they read for a minimum of 15 minutes every day outside of school. Whether loved or loathed, everybody has to read to get about their daily lives and so if your child has no interest in developing their reading as a passion, then they must develop it as a skill! If you would any recommendations books please email me. I will be happy to advise. We are in the process of getting children back onto the school reading scheme. We will, however, be issuing children with several books at a time to take home and read, before returning them all at the same time. This is to limit the frequency of items coming in and out of school. When books are returned to school, there will be a box for them to be placed in within the classroom so that they can be fully disinfected before being returned to the bookcases. I ask for your support in encouraging and monitoring your child's reading as this is absolutely critical to their development in Literacy. Please expose your child not only to the reading scheme books provided by school, but also to further material such as magazines, encyclopaedias and other books by their favourite authors. They may not be able to read these independently, but sharing different books with your child will nurture their love of reading and hugely benefit their academic development.

Times tables

There are lots of ways to practice your timetables and this should be done regularly. Below are links to a few games to play at home:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

<https://www.mathschase.com/>

First Confession and First Holy Communion

If your child is Catholic, then they will be taking their First Confession and First Holy Communion this year. This is a very special time for the children and families so we will have various meetings in preparation for this. We ask that these meetings are attended by both child and parent throughout the year to ensure the children are fully ready for these very special sacraments. We will keep you updated throughout the year as to specific dates for your diary; these will also be published on the class and school newsletter, so please make sure to read and refer to this.

School Website

Please visit the Year 3 class page on the school website to see what we have been up to by reading our blog which will be updated regularly.

Dates for your Diary

Below are a few important dates for your diary. Please note that these are subject to change.

Thursday 1st October: Individual Photos

Tuesday 13th –

Wednesday 14th October: Virtual Parents' Evening (*appointment slips to be sent home nearer the time*)

Saturday 24th October –

Sunday 1st November: Half Term (*inclusive*)

Sunday 18th November –

Saturday 19th December –

Monday 4th January: Christmas (*inclusive*)

***Please continue to check the school website and newsletters for additions/changes to the diary*

I am extremely excited about the year ahead and look forward to helping your child develop academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. We will be having lots of fun along the way and I hope they will enjoy this year as much we are planning to. I also look forward to working closely with you and speaking with you at our virtual open evening in October. In the meantime, should you have any questions, comments or concerns that you would like to raise with me, please feel welcome to email me: Madison.hayden@allsoulsschool.co.uk

Many Thanks,

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