



## We are Year 3

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Welcome back. It sounds like you have all had a lovely summer from what the children have told me. The first few weeks back at school have been lovely and the children have transitioned into year 3 seamlessly. Ms Croarken and I are extremely excited for the coming year and look forward to working with you to support your child.

### 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.

All we ever ask in Year 3 is that everyone tries their best!

### Homework

#### Reading

Reading is the most valuable homework that your child could ever do and in Year 3 it is expected that they read for about 15 minutes each day outside of school. Please actively encourage your child to read for pleasure. They have been provided with a home reading record, which should be completed daily, detailing what they are reading and with whom. I ask for your support in encouraging and monitoring your child's reading. This should be brought into school on a Wednesday so that either myself or Ms Croarken can sign it and change the books.

#### Spelling

Every Friday, Year 3 will be tested on their spelling. This test will consist of 5 words from the Y3/4 statutory word list (set the Friday before) and 5 words that are chosen in relation to testing the spelling rule that we have been focusing on in lessons that week.

#### Times-table

Please make sure your child is practising their timetables regularly. It is such an important part of their subject knowledge in maths. For now, we will be focusing on our 2, 5 and 10 timetables making sure we are secure.



## Autumn Curriculum

<b>English</b>	We will be looking at the text <b>How to wash a Woolly Mammoth</b> and using this to write our own instructions.
<b>Maths</b>	In maths, we are using many concrete resources to develop our mathematical understanding of number. We will be focusing on the place value and looking at 3- digit numbers.
<b>RE</b>	This terms value and virtue is <b>Eloquent and Truthful</b> . In our RE lessons, we will be exploring the unit 'Belonging'.
<b>Science</b>	<b>Light:</b> We will be recognising that we need light to see. We will be learning about the light from the sun and talking about the dangers.
<b>PE</b>	Please make sure PE kits are in school on TUESDAY and THURSDAY Tuesday : Tennis ( with Mr Youson) Thursday: Outdoor Learning ( Miss Hayden)
<b>History</b>	We will be learning about pre history and then looking at the life of Early Britons from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will be thinking about what life would have been like in those days and comparing them to our own.
<b>Geography</b>	We will be learning about North and Central America.

### Family and School masses

Family mass is back and it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible attending at 9.30 on Sundays. We have decided to make the first Sunday of each month a special occasion and will be actively encouraging our whole school community to come together on these occasions. It would be wonderful if we could all make the commitment to celebrate, as a minimum, this monthly Mass.

**Welcome mass for Reception – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 – 9.30am**

**Year 6 commitment mass – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – 9.30am**

**Year 3 commitment mass – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 – 9.30am**

### Key Dates:

Tues 21st September - **9:30am - Start of term mass for Y1, 2, 3 (Parents/relatives welcome)**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September – **Trip to Height of Abraham**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – **Virtual Parents' Evening**

Friday 22nd October - **Last day of Autumn term**

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](mailto:Madison.hayden@allsoulsschool.co.uk)

Many Thanks,

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