



St Margaret Clitherow's Catholic Primary School

Spring Term 2022 Curriculum Newsletter



Year Group: Y3

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Happy New Year!

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break with your loved ones.

We are excited to jump straight back into our busy curriculum. This term we will be kicking the new year off by learning about how to be healthy. The children will be investigating what foods they should eat and what foods are not so good for us. They will also take part in weekly fitness activities to keep their bodies healthy in PE. This term we will be stepping back in time to discover who the Anglo Saxons were and why they came to England. The children will explore how rivers are formed and where they lead to. We will be looking at the artwork of local artist Matthew Elwood and creating our own 'Tower art' based on Teesside landmarks using recycled materials.

Literacy

- Basic punctuation revision to ensure thorough understanding and consistency in use
- We will be looking at narrative writing from the same author- Anthony Brown.
- The children will be writing complaint letters based on The Day The Crayons Quit.
- Finally, we will look at shape poems.



Maths

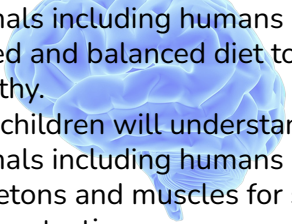
- Solve one and two step problems involving multiplication and division.
- Use formal written and mental strategies to solve 2d x 1d numbers.
- To recognise, find and write fractions.
- To tell the time to the exact minute.



Science

'Keeping Healthy'

- The children will understand that animals including humans need a varied and balanced diet to stay healthy.
- The children will understand that animals including humans have skeletons and muscles for support and protection.



RE

We will begin by thinking about our journey through the year as Christians, exploring the liturgical calendar. Then we will study the Eucharist, the giving and receiving of the body and blood of Christ.

PE

Healthy exercise

French

- *Animals
- * Fruits

Computing

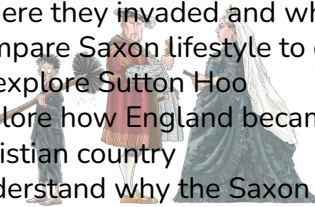
- Internet safety and responsible/efficient use of search engines
 - Research activities

PSHE - Health and Wellbeing

- The benefits of a healthy diet
- Road safety
- Healthy relationships

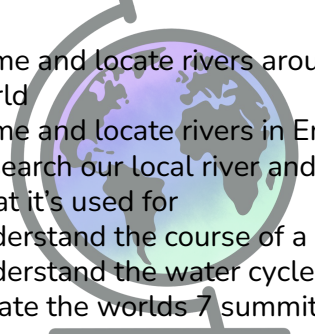
History - The Anglo Saxons

- Who they were and where they came from.
- Where they invaded and why
- Compare Saxon lifestyle to ours
- To explore Sutton Hoo
- Explore how England became a Christian country
- Understand why the Saxon period ended



Geography - Do all rivers flow to the sea?

- Name and locate rivers around the world
- Name and locate rivers in England
- Research our local river and identify what it's used for
- Understand the course of a river
- Understand the water cycle
- Locate the world's 7 summits on a map
- Understand how mountains are formed



Art & Design Technology - Matthew Elwood

- Common themes throughout his artwork
- Identify landmarks in Teesside and North Yorkshire
- Create Tower art using recycled materials



Parent's Information Page

Homework

It is absolutely vital that your child knows their times tables, therefore their homework will be regular participation (we ask for at least 3 times per week) on the 'Times Tables Rockstars' App, taking part in class v class competitions etc... (www.ttrockstars.com or download the app)



Spellings are also essential and will be sent home to be learned every week, ready for a test each Friday.



(www.spellingshed.com or download the app)

We would appreciate your support with your child's home learning and we ask that you encourage and support your child with all activities set.

Dates for your Diary:

18th February- Break up for Half Term

28th February- Return to school

1st and 2nd March- Parent consultation meetings

3rd March- World Book Day

4th March Y3 Prayer and Liturgy at 9.05am

15th March- Parental engagement at 2.15pm

8th April- Break up from school

25th April- Return to school

25th April is Earth Day. The children are invited to come to school wearing bright colours this day.

*Please note these dates are subject to change due to restrictions.

PE Days

Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday, so your child should come into school wearing their PE kit those days.

- White t-shirt with blue/black shorts/joggers
 - Blue/black hoodie/sweatshirt
 - Trainers

Reading for Pleasure

Why is it important?

As well as teaching children to read fluently and confidently, we also want to develop a lifelong love for reading. There is strong evidence that links reading for pleasure and educational outcomes but it also has many non-literary benefits:

- Reading for pleasure can increase empathy, improve relationships with others, reduce the symptoms of depression and improve well being throughout life (The Reading Agency, 2015)
- Reading for pleasure has social benefits and can make people feel more connected to the wider community. (The Reading Agency, 2015)
- Students with more positive attitudes towards reading are more likely to read at or above the expected level for their age. (Clark, 2014)

How can we promote reading for pleasure?

- Talk about books regularly - books that you enjoy reading, or did as a child as well as discussing the book your child is reading now.
- Visit book shops.
- Visit the library.
- Bed time stories - even in KS2!
- Give books as gifts.
- Being a reading role model - role models have the power to inspire children to read! If your child sees you (or other people they admire) enjoying a book, magazine or comic, laughing at the characters, hearing you enthuse about the story and valuing books, they will be inspired and more inclined to do the same themselves.

