



St Augustine's Catholic Primary Year 3 Newsletter: Autumn 2021



A warm welcome to Year 3 and the Autumn term. It has been wonderful to work with the children over this first week and a half; they are a super group of children as I can remember from Reception! They have transitioned so well from KS1 to KS2 and they have displayed so much maturity already. In these early days, we have been concentrating on establishing routines, building positive relationships and giving time to reflect on being back at school and together as a whole class. The children have also completed assessments for English and Maths, which will help to ensure the work set is appropriate for them. We have also enjoyed an art week in school with the children producing incredible paintings of O'Keeffe style flowers - I will share these on our social media pages and google classroom. Next week we will move towards our normal timetable with the subjects and skills we are teaching building over the half term as and when the children are ready.



RE

During the Autumn term, we will be exploring three themes: Homes, Promises and Visitors. In our first topic Domestic Church (Homes), we will be exploring God's vision for the family home. Our Baptism and Confirmation topic (Promises) will allow us to think about how we are welcomed into God's family. As we approach Advent, we will be celebrating Jesus' birth in our final topic – Visitors.



English

During these first few weeks, we will be reading **The Iron Man by Ted Hughes** as well as a range of texts to compliment our topic **Global Caretakers – Let There Be Light** where we will be focusing on the country **Bangladesh**.



The children need to bring their reading book and home reading log into school every day.

It is important children are reading every day at home and that all children read aloud regularly to an adult. Even the most fluent readers benefit from the experience of sharing stories and information with others. Please can parents/carers sign to confirm reading.

Reading Days:

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Maths

In maths, we will continue to develop and strengthen our mental arithmetic and reasoning skills. We will focus this term on place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division. Children should begin to practice their Times Tables regularly (times tables rockstars is great for this). The ability to recall multiples helps children across a range of mathematical concepts. In addition, overall confidence flourishes. To support this in school, we will practice arithmetic skills daily.



Science

In Science, with Mrs McKeown, the children will be investigating two wonderful topics. The first will be Forces. The second is Light. We will also have plants as an ongoing topic so we can practise observing over time.

Topic

This topic is **Global Caretakers – Let There Be Light** where we will be focusing on the country **Bangladesh**. This is a whole school topic and we will be exploring the Rights of Children alongside our Global Goals. We are fortunate to have been able to form a link with a school in Bangladesh and we will be communicating with them through letters on a system called Padlet. This topic's driver subject is Geography so we will be covering lots of key skills in this topic.



Not forgetting... French starts in the next few weeks with telling the time and French schools!

PE

In PE, the children will be building skills in Gymnastics, Fitness, Dance and Netball. This term PE will be on Monday and Thursday Mornings. Children need to leave their PE kit in school every day: PE kit should be a plain white T-shirt, black/blue shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers/plimsols (tracksuit tops are useful if the weather is cold).

Computing

This term, we will focus on internet safety, coding, emails and internet research. We will be using 'Padlet' to send out friends in Bangladesh some informal letters to learn about their lives there and teach them about ours here.

Homework

Homework will be **posted on the Google Classroom each Friday to be completed by the following Friday**.

It will include:

- Spellings to learn for a test in school the following Friday
- A set of maths questions in our CJP books
- A set of grammar and punctuation questions in our CJP books

Answers are in the back of the CJP books for self/parent marking. Our homework will concentrate on building confidence and extending ability across key curriculum areas. Children may also be asked to complete tasks linked to foundation subjects.

Meet the Team:

Miss Drumm – Class Teacher
Mrs Simpson – Classroom Assistant
Mrs McKeone – Science Teacher

Here to help!

Please contact us at school (by phone or email) if you have any questions or concerns.

Stay in touch - You will see how the children are doing as we send regular updates through the Marvellous Me App.

