



# St Augustine's Catholic Primary Year 3 Newsletter: Spring 2022



Hello again!

Year 3 have had a fantastic term so far and I am sure they are excited to see what Spring term has in store for them. Please see below for key information pertinent to the next term.

Miss Drumm



## RE

During the Spring term, we will be exploring three themes: Journeys, Listening & Sharing and Giving All. In our first topic Local Church - Community (Journeys), we will be exploring the Church's celebrations. Our Eucharist – Relating Topic (Listening & Sharing) will allow us to think about Holy Communion. Our third topic this term, Lent/ Easter (Giving All) will allow us to think of Jesus' self-offering. This topic will compliment the Easter Musical Years 3 and 4 are preparing for.

## English

During these first few weeks, we will be reading **The Firework Maker's Daughter** by **Philip Pullman** as well as a range of texts to compliment our topic **Extreme Earth** where we will be focusing on Natural Disasters.



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.

Our Class Reading Day:

## Friday



## Maths

In maths, we will continue to develop and strengthen our mental arithmetic and reasoning skills. We will focus this term on Multiplication and Division, Measurement: Money, Statistics, Measurement: Length & Perimeter, Reasoning & Problem Solving and Multiplication Facts. Children should continue to practice their Times Tables regularly (times tables rockstars). 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 Light. We will also have plants as an ongoing topic so we can practise observing over time.

## Topic

This topic is **Extreme Earth** where we will be focusing on Natural Disasters. We will be learning a range of skills including how to use a world map to locate the Ring of Fire, identifying areas prone to Tsunamis / Earthquakes, identifying the layers of the Earth, looking at the effects of weather and using a 4-figure grid reference to locate volcanoes. This topic's driver subject is Geography so we will be covering lots of key skills in this topic. Our knowledge organiser for this topic will be shared on Google Classroom and our Class Page.



## PE



In PE, the children will be building skills in Tag Rugby, Basketball and Tennis. This term PE will be on Monday and Thursday Mornings. Children must wear their PE kit on these days.

## Computing

This term, we will focus on programming with scratch, computer systems, networks and we will journey inside a computer. Please make sure your child is confident logging into Google Classroom and Times Tables Rockstars for their homework.

## 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 Farley – Classroom Assistant  
Mrs Mckeown – Science Teacher



## Here to help!

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