



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School



Autumn Term 2024-25 Curriculum Newsletter

Year Group: Year 3

Staff: Miss Drumm

Welcome back!

A warm welcome to Year 3 and the Autumn term. It has been wonderful to work with the children over these first few days! 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 are also enjoying art week in school with the children producing incredible art inspired by Van Gogh. 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.

<p style="text-align: center;">English</p> <p>Writing- This term, the children will be learning the features of and writing poems, first person narratives, non-chronological reports, formal letters and dialogues through narrative.</p> <p>Reading- Our core texts to develop our reading skills this term are Greta and the Giants, Pebble in my Pocket, Leon and the Place Between and 'Twas the Night before Christmas Anon.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Religious Education</p> <p>During the Autumn term, we will be exploring two branches of learning in our new 'Be still and know' curriculum; 'Creation and Covenant' and 'Prophecy and Promise'. The children will be taught about the blessings of creation and the gift of Jesus' birth. We will also explore different beliefs in our 'Other Faiths' week.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">History</p> <p>This Term, in our Stone Age topic, we will be exploring the palaeolithic period, mesolithic period and the neolithic period. We will explore the arrival of new knowledge, communities and power. A letter will be sent out soon for our Stone Age Day trip to Danby. We will then begin our Bronze Age topic and explore how Britain changed in this period.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p> <p>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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PE</p> <p>The children will be developing their knowledge and skills this term in the following units;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Athletics ● Hockey ● Dance ● Dodgeball/Health Related Fitness 		<p style="text-align: center;">Geography</p> <p>In our Fieldwork topic this term, we will be learning about physical and human features, maps and atlases, the eight points of a compass and how to use digital technology to observe and measure. The children will be able to practise these skills on the school site, in Fairy Dell and during our Stone Age trip in Danby.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>This Term, the children will be learning about two topics; Rocks (chemistry) and Animals, including humans (Biology). They will be taught rock types, what they're made of and their formation. We will also learn about fossils and soil. We will identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat. We will identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. The children will practise asking relevant questions, setting up a range of tests, how to measure accurately, how to record data, how to draw conclusions and how to identify similarities and differences.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Computing</p> <p>The children will be developing their understanding of online safety in a range of exciting sessions following by our exciting 'Networks' topic.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">French</p> <p>For their First lessons in French, children will learn greetings, key classroom vocabulary, colours, emotions and numbers (0-10).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Art & Design</p> <p>Drawing and painting - We will be using a range of specific painting techniques and exploring lines and patterns in nature (rocks and fossils).</p> <p>Printmaking - We will learn how to use a printing slab and roller, how to create different printing blocks and how to make a variety of printed marks.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Design & Technology</p> <p>Textiles - We will learn how fabric can be stiffened and that stiffened fabric can hold a form. We will then make a box using stiffened fabric.</p> <p>Food and Nutrition - The children will learn what is meant by the term balanced, why fresh foods are better and make a fruit and yoghurt dessert and make homemade chips.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PSHE/ RHE</p> <p>We will be learning a range of personal and social skills through stories, game and more. Our topics include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Sacraments ● We Don't Have to be the Same ● Respecting our Bodies <p>Planning will be made available to parents/ guardians. Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.</p>				

Parents' Information Page

Meet the Team



Miss Drumm Miss Vanacore

Here to help!

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

Homework

Homework will be sent home each Friday to be completed by the following Friday.

It will include:

- Spelling home learning task
- A set of maths questions
- A set of SPAG questions

Our homework will concentrate on building confidence and extending ability across key curriculum areas.

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



P.E-

This term, PE will be on a **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Children need to come into school on these days wearing their P.E kits.

Reading at Home

Reading is the key to so many aspects of your child's learning. We ask that children try to read for at least 10 minutes every night. We realise that sometimes this may not be possible so please ensure it happens at least four times a week. Also, please bear in mind that one of the most wonderful things is to share a book together with your child before bedtime. All home reading must be recorded and signed in your child's reading record.

Children need to bring their books and records to school every day.