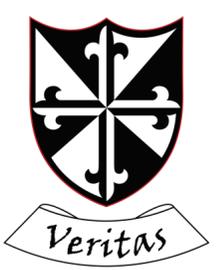


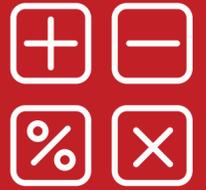
# Y3 Newsletter

## LENT 2



### Mathematics

This half term in Maths, Year 3 will continue to practise telling the time on analogue and 24-hour clocks. The children will also be taught how to measure and compare time in seconds, hours and minutes and convert units of time. Any extra support you can provide with helping your child learn to tell the time would be greatly appreciated. Afterwards, they will learn how to read, interpret and draw different types of graphs. Year 3 will also continue to practise their x3, x4 and x8 times tables during our daily maths lessons. Please can you support your children's learning of their times tables too by testing them regularly to ensure they are prepared for the times tables test at the end of Year 4.



### English



This half term in English, we will commence the first week of term by writing a story based upon our current text, 'The Last Garden'. Afterwards, we will have a writing assessment week where we will write a set of instructions. Next, we will look at the text 'Cloud Tea Monkeys' by Mal Peet & Elspeth Graham. Within the unit, the children will be exposed to a range of language activities to stimulate grammatical development and reading comprehension skills.

### Religious Education

During the first week of the term, the children will be introduced to another faith called 'Islam'. During this unit the children will learn about Islam and how the faith is lived out. Afterwards, the children will look at Branch 4: Desert to Garden. In this unit, the children will retell the story of the feeding of the five thousand, recall the words and actions of Jesus at the last supper and make simple links with his words and actions in the miracle of the loaf. Year 3 will also recognise that the Church teaches us that the Eucharist is the meeting point where God gives himself to communicants as food; they receive the Body of Christ and become ever more united in his Body the Church. Year 3 and 4 will also take part in an Easter Celebration of the Word where children will retell the Easter story through acting, prayer and singing.



### Reading



In Whole Class Reading we will have 3 x 30 minutes sessions per week where we will continue to look at 'Amazing Africa'. In this unit, the children we will develop their fact-finding skills, as well as summarising, matching, sequencing, asking questions, and not forgetting simply reading for pleasure from this wonderful text. In Story Time, we will finish off 'Anisha. Accidental Detective' by Serena Patel and then read 'Stink: The Worst Fairy Ever' by Jenny McLachlan.

### Science- Forces and Magnets

In Science, we will begin our new topic called 'Forces and Magnets'. The children will be learning what a force is, about friction, and how different objects move on different surfaces. They will also be exploring the poles of a magnet, investigating the shape and strength of different magnets and comparing and grouping everyday materials into magnetic and non-magnetic.



### Music / Computing



We will spend the first few weeks completing our final Music unit called 'Bringing us Together' by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman where we will continue to learn to play the Glockenspiels. Afterwards, we will spend the final few weeks of the term rehearsing for our Easter Celebration of the Word.

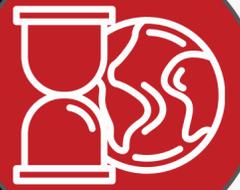


## Design Technology - Bread

In DT, our topic is all about food and nutrition. We will learn about the history of bread and conduct our own customer research. Using this information, we will design and create our own bread. Finally, we will prepare and cook our bread and then evaluate it to explain how we could improve our design next time.

## Geography- Countries of the World

In Geography, we will be learning all about the countries of the world! We will begin the unit by learning all about the 7 continents of the world and learn to locate these on our own maps. Next, we will be use atlases to find countries within these continents too. Afterwards, we will locate capital cities, find physical and human features and compare different countries!



## Physical Education

In P.E, one of our topics will be basketball. The children will be learning to move the ball using different techniques and how to pass and shoot with increasing accuracy. They will end the unit taking part in competitive games. We will also complete a topic on gymnastics. During this topic, children will improve their balance, flexibility and stamina.



## PSHE

In Personal Development this half term, the children will learn more about rights and responsibilities. They'll also learn that God is love as shown by the Holy Trinity – a communion of persons supporting each other in their self-giving relationship. Also, that the human family reflects the Holy Trinity in mutual charity and generosity. Finally, the children will know that the human family reflects the Holy Trinity in charity and generosity and the Church family comprises of home, school and parish (which is part of the diocese).



## Key Vocabulary



- kneading
- dough
- Lent
- resurrection
- climate
- friction
- strength

## Class Notices

- We have P.E every Thursday and Friday so please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit in school on these days.
- Easter 'CoTW' on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 9.30am in the school hall.
- Homework goes out every Friday and is due in the following Thursday.
- Please look on Class Dojo for any updates.



## How parents & carers can help

- Regular reading with your child.
- Help your child learn their times tables- x3, x4, x8
- Support your child with their weekly homework tasks.

