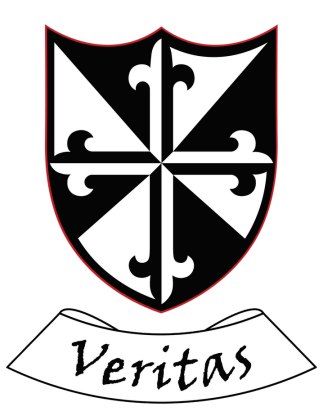


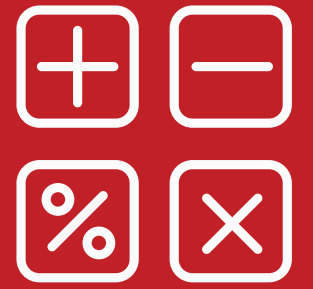
Y3 Newsletter

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Mathematics

In Mathematics, Year 3 will start the term by looking at angles. The children will learn how to find and name certain angles, specifically right angles, acute angles and obtuse angle. Afterwards, they'll spend a week exploring lines and shapes, identifying parallel and perpendicular lines. This is followed by a focus on calculating the perimeter of figures where we will measure and calculate the length around the outside of shapes. Lastly, the children will start to learn about fractions. They will begin the unit by counting in tenths and then understanding fractions as division. Afterwards, they will move on to finding fractions of whole numbers as part of a set and looking at sharing 1 and more than 1 which they'll continue into Pentecost 2.



English

In English, Year 3 will start the term by looking at 'Nen and the Lonely Fisherman' by Ian Eagleton & James Mayhew. During this unit, the children will explore the text through a range of tasks which include reading skills, book talk, explicit grammar teaching in context, vocabulary building and shorter written outcomes. Afterwards, they'll read 'How to Live Forever' by Colin Thompson. In this unit, the outcomes will include Lost posters, dialogue, setting and character descriptions, ledger entries, instructions and writing letters of warning. In Spelling, this term we will be continuing to practise spelling words from the Y3/4 statutory spelling list, spelling words with the 'k' sound spelt 'ch'(Greek origin), revising previously taught suffixes ending in ed, ing, less, s, es, ness, ful and ly, and looking at more homophones and contractions.



Religious Education

We will spend the first two weeks of the term finishing strand 4, 'Desert to Garden'. Afterwards, we will begin strand 5 called 'To the Ends of the Earth'. In this strand, the children will make links between scripture sources, describe some signs and symbols of the Holy Trinity and know some prayers of the Catholic Church. They will also make connections with the life of the early Church and Catholics gathering for Mass today and learn about the life of Jesus in the gospels, the work of the disciples in the Acts and learn that Paul wrote letters to the early Christian communities.



Reading

During Whole Class Reading this term, we will be looking at 'Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure' by Alex T Smith. In this unit, the children will become detectives as they decipher the meanings of words and phrases in context and make inferences from the clues presented. There will be opportunities for children to practice retrieval, summarising, comparing and sequencing throughout, as well as collaboration and role play as children work together to solve the mystery of the lost treasure.

Our class book this half term will be 'The Nothing to See Here Hotel' by Steven Butler & Steven Lenton.

Science-Rocks and Soils

In Science, we will start the term by completing our unit on Forces and Magnets. Afterwards, we will begin our unit on Rocks and Fossils. The children will briefly learn about the three different types of rock and how to compare and group together different kinds of rocks based on their appearance and simple physical properties, as well as planning and conducting an investigation.



Computing

In computing, Year 3 will begin their first computing unit called 'Online Safety' unit where children will be taught how to keep themselves safe online. Afterwards, they'll begin a 4-week crash course in 'Coding'. In this unit, the children will be able to explain what coding is, understand and plan algorithms, use different objects to programme a design and create a computer program that includes timer and repeat commands.





Art - Collage

In Art, the children will be looking at the work of Kazimir Malevich. We'll start the unit by exploring collages by Kazimir and exploring the skills used in collage, including overlapping, tessellation mosaic and montage. Then we will move onto planning and making our own collage in the style of Malevich using the skills we have practised. Finally, Year 3 will reflect on their work and evaluate their collage.

History-Ancient Greece

In History, the children will be learning who the Ancient Greeks were and place their civilisation in time. We will then move onto understanding the different types of government in Ancient Greece, comparing the two city-states of Athens and Sparta. We will also use sources to find out about daily life in Greece, find out about religion, and explore the legacy of Greek scholars and philosophers.



Physical Education

This term, Year 3 will be doing both tag rugby and cricket in P.E. During these lessons, they will work on throwing, catching, hitting and striking, developing their accuracy with these. A PE kit is needed every day to be left in school. This must include an outdoor kit. PE kit should be a plain white t shirt, black shorts, black joggers and a black sweatshirt. Trainers should be different to the shoes your child wears for school.



Personal Development

In Personal Development this half term, the children will learn that God is love as shown by the Holy Trinity – a communion of persons supporting each other in their self-giving relationship. We are made in the image of God, which means we are made to love God and others, and be loved by God and others. The children will also learn 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). Finally, they'll understand also how God wants His Church to love and care for others and how they can do this too.



Key Vocabulary

- coding
- parallel
- properties
- civilisation
- collage
- properties



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.
- 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.

