Y3 Newsletter
ADVENT 2

Mathematics

In Mathematics, Year 3 will be looking at multiplication and division to start with. They will start the term by covering the multiplication and division of 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Afterwards, they will then apply their understanding of multiplication and division to solve word problems and learn how to multiply a 2-digit number by a single digit, as well as dividing a 2-digit number. Next the children will look at length and mass. In Year 3, the children are expected to learn their 3, 4 and 8times tables alongside the 2, 5 and 10 times tables they learnt in Year 2. The children will also continue to develop their arithmetic skills during Morning Work/arithmetic tests. Learning (and practising) timetables at home would really benefit your child.

English

In English, Year 3 will commence the term by finishing off looking at 'The Heart and the Bottle' by writing a story based on the book. Afterwards, we will have writing assessment week where the children will plan and write a setting description. Finally, we will spend the remainder of the term studying 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl. Throughout this unit, the children will write a recount, a character description, a set of instructions, a new chapter and create a wanted poster . In Spelling this term, we will be looking at the prefixes 'pro', 'non', 'dis', 'sub', 'super' and the 'I sound spelt Y'. The children will also get regular handwriting practise three times per week to secure their letter formation and letter joining.

Religious Education

We will spend the first week of the term exploring another faith: Judaism. In these lessons, the children will discover what a Synagogue is and what is inside it, as well as learning that the synagogue is an important community centre. Afterwards, we will begin Branch 2 called 'Prophecy and Promise'. In this unit, the children will recognise that Sunday is a holy day for Christians and make simple links between the story of Creation and Sunday as a day of rest . They will also learn how Catholics celebrate mass, how Joseph puts his trust in God when the angel appears, make links between the angel's message about Jesus and the words of the prophet Isaiah. Finally, they will learn how angels bring God's message in the gospels of St Matthew and St Luke.

Reading

In Whole Class Reading, we will be looking at Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd Stanton. Throughout the sequence children will be provided with opportunities to develop skills of retrieval, inference, summarising and sequencing through taking part in class discussions, completing practical activities and answering questions. They will also explore the meanings of new vocabulary in context and be able to draw links with other areas of the curriculum. Our class book this half term will be 'Planet Omar Accidental Trouble Magnet' by Zanib Mian.

Science- Plants

In Science, we will be learning all about plants. We are going to find out about the different parts of a flowering plant, how plants grow and how to keep plants alive! The children will also learn about pollination, seed dispersal and water transportation. During this topic, we will be planning and completing an investigation with a focus on how plants grow.

Music / Latin



The children will spend the remaining lessons in Latin learning about how to use verbs to talk in Latin, finding out about the slaves in Roman times and relating the story of Pandora's box to what is happening in the world today.

In Music, we will spend 4 weeks looking at a reggae unit called 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley. In this unit, the children will listen to and appraise several reggae songs, sing the song 'Three Little Birds', learn 'A' and 'G' on the recorder and perform 'Three Little Birds' using recorders as a class.

Art & Design Technology - Bridges

In D.T, Year 3 will find out what bridges are and discover the names of many famous bridges around the world. They will also be looking at the different structures of bridges and the different shapes that are used to make them strong. Finally, the children will be researching and designing their own bridge, before building their own.

Geography- Our European Neighbours

In Geography, we are going to complete a unit of work called 'Our European Neighbour'. During this unit, we will be looking where Europe is on a map, finding out the capital cities of European countries and identifying similarities and differences between England and France. We will be using maps, atlases, and the globe to help us!

Physical Education

In PE, the children will be completing two different units. These will be dance and gymnastics. The children will focus on their balance skills and create a simple dance with their partners. They will develop their strength and flexibility as well as sequencing in their gymnastics lessons.
P.E lessons are on a Thursday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has a P.E kit in school on those days.

Personal Development

In Personal Development this half term, the children will develop a greater awareness of bullying (physical and emotional), and understand that all bullying is wrong. The children will also learn how to use technology safely, what is good and not good to share online and understand how they can stay safe and get help from a trusted adult. Finally, they will know that if they feel unsafe, they can and should seek out a trusted adult for help and support, especially those closest to us who care for us, including our teachers and parish priest.

Key Vocabulary

- responsibilities
- continents
- preparation
- visitors
- Europe
- engineer
- country
- improvise

Class Notices

- Parents' evening- Tuesday 27th October and Wednesday 28th October 2026
- No Pens Day-Friday 6th November 2026
- The Odeon Cinema trip- Tuesday 17th November 2026
- INSET Day- Friday 20th November 2026
- Please refer to Class Dojo for any further 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.