



**St. Mary's C.E. School**  
Year Three - Autumn 2  
November 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second part of the Autumn Term. We are very pleased with the children's success in settling into their new class, becoming more independent and getting down to hard work. We have a full and exciting term ahead and we hope the children will continue to enjoy their time in Year 3.

Our topic this half term will be How Humans Work. We shall explore this topic through a range of subjects. Thank you all for coming to share our work on Scavengers and Settlers last half term the children really enjoying teaching you all about Ötzi!

**English:**

In English, we will be continuing our Power of Reading on The Iron Man and then look at Into the Forest. We will look at stories with familiar settings and play scripts as well as looking at using paragraphs, punctuating speech correctly and using more ambitious vocabulary.

**Maths:**

In Maths we will be looking at:

- Doubling and halving numbers up to 100
- Understanding fractions, how to find fraction of amounts, comparing fractions
- Recognising and knowing the value of 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p and £1 coins, combining amounts to make particular values; matching different combinations of coins to make equal amounts, adding and subtracting money of the same unit and solving money problems in a practical context
- Choosing an appropriate instrument to measure a length and use a ruler to estimate, measure and draw to the nearest centimeter and knowing 1 litre = 1000 ml; estimate and measure capacity in millilitres
- Revising times-tables learned and deriving division facts, performing division with remainders, choosing a mental strategy to solve additions and subtractions and solve word problems

## **Science**

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- That we need light in order to see
- How we can make and hear sounds
- How human teeth compare to animal teeth
- How our body uses food and water
- How our heart works to keep us alive
- All about skeletons and muscles
- About the human life cycle
- Why exercise is good for us
- How tobacco and alcohol harm the body
- Which foods keep us healthy and why
- About people's health problems

## **Technology**

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- What a healthy meal might look like
- What makes a healthy meal healthy
- How to plan and prepare a healthy meal

## **RE:**

We shall be concluding our topic on Faith in Action by exploring how faith inspired people like Mother Teresa and William Wilberforce to devote themselves to improving lives. In our new topic - How Do Advent and Epiphany Show Us What Christmas Is REALLY About? - we will explore Advent as a time for preparation and the impact of the Christmas message.

## **ICT:**

In ICT, we'll be finding out:

- How some people use ICT as part of their job as well as in their daily lives
- How to use ICT responsibly and stay safe online
- How to find reliable information from a range of sources including the internet
- How to use ICT to present things we have found out in an exciting and engaging way
- How to write algorithms to make things happen in digital games
- How to debug scripts and programs in digital games
- How to design, code, create and market our own digital games

## **ART:**

In Year 3 this term, we will be creating artworks based on the topic 'how humans work' looking at the ways in which artist's knowledge of the human skeleton and underlying structures has helped them with the drawing and

painting of people. We will be looking at the 3 ovals method of figure drawing and how this can be used as a base when drawing and painting any full-length figures.

### **Music:**

This half term we will be linking in with their class topic of the Human Body by using songs about the skeleton and our muscles to learn about musical structure. We will be performing call and response songs and creating word rhythms through body percussion as well as exploring different sounds, using our skeleton as our inspiration. We will be singing in two parts and developing an understanding of and performing in binary form and we will be rehearsing songs for our Christmas Nativity Service.

### **PE:**

Year 3 will be participating in PE lessons on a Tuesday, with Mr Ellis and have a second lesson on a Thursday. This half term's activities will be football and hockey. Pupils will focus on developing dribbling with changes in speed and direction, passing, receiving and shooting.

In addition the class will practice linking skills and dribbling to maintain possession in different overloaded situations. Skills will be applied through a range of co-operative and competitive games.

### **PSHE:**

Our theme is *Celebrating Difference*. We will look at how families are different, dealing with differences and conflicts, the role of witnesses in bullying, words that harm and how our words can affect others.

### **FRENCH**

We will continue to learn French with Madame Cox every Monday.

### **READING**

Each child will be part of a *Guided Reading Group* where they will take part in shared reading. We will discuss the book and complete a focused learning task based around the text. This task will be completed in our quiet reading sessions in the week. They should also have a book to read in our independent reading sessions. This may be one from the classroom or one from home. Please ensure that books brought from home are of a suitable level for your child. Children are expected to read at home every night for at least 15 minutes.

Regards,

Miss Barrett, Miss Stephen and Mr Miller

## HOMEWORK

**Maths, English and Topic:** Maths, English/Topic homework should be completed in the Maths or Homework book.

**English** or **Topic** is given out on a **Wednesday** to be handed in on **Monday**.

**Maths** is given out on a **Friday** to be handed in on a **Wednesday**.

Can you please ensure that:

1. All work is presented clearly and neatly in pencil.
2. Anything that needs to be stuck in books, is trimmed and then stuck in.

**Spellings and times tables:** Tests will be on a Friday.

**Reading:** Daily for at least 15 minutes each evening. It is important that the children read aloud to you regularly and they also benefit greatly from you reading to them. Reading things such as articles in encyclopedias, newspaper, recipes, instruction texts, etc will broaden their understanding of reading across different contexts too.

### Dates For Your Diary:

- Holy communion - *Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November*
- Wider Opportunities Concert - *Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November*
- Christmas Pantomime: Aladdin - *Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December*
- KS2 Choir to Putney Market - *Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December*
- Parent Meetings - *Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December*
- Christmas Nativity Service - *Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December*
- Last day of term - *2.30pm Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December*