



St. Mary's C.E. School
Year Three - Autumn 2
November 2018

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 with their organisational skills and attitude towards learning. We have a full and exciting term ahead and we hope the children will continue to enjoy their time in Year 3.

English:

In English, we will be beginning our new Power of Reading text "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane" by Kate Dicamillo. Through this text we will explore poetry, story maps, instructions, diary entries, character and narrative descriptions, as well as looking at using paragraphs, punctuating speech correctly and using more ambitious vocabulary.

Maths:

As mathematicians 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

Topic

Our topic this term will be 'How Humans Work'. Through this topic the children will gain an understanding that our bodies are like an engine that never stops working and the importance of gaining knowledge of how our bodies work they can learn to look after their bodies better and stay healthy.

Science

As Scientists, 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

As technologists, 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:

As theologians in RE this half term, we will be asking the question: How Do Advent and Epiphany Show Us What Christmas Is Really About? Through answering this question the children will learn about Advent as a time of preparation and look at the signs in the Bible that point to the birth of Jesus. Also they will discover the impact of the message of Christmas on the people of God and the clues to be found in the celebration of Epiphany about Jesus' life.

Computing:

As computer technicians, 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

ART:

Mrs Forsyth will continue to provide specialist teaching of Art lessons on Tuesdays.

Music:

This half term we will be linking in with their class topic of How Humans Work 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 binary form and we will be rehearsing songs for our Christmas nativity.

FLUTE

We will be continuing our flute lessons on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that your child remembers to bring in the flute every Thursday. It is also essential that your child practices every week.

PE:

Year 3 shall spend their Tuesday morning lesson working with Ms McCrone this term learning the key skills for playing hockey. We shall cover basic dribbling, passing, control and possession techniques which shall in time filtrate into mini game situations.

On Thursday's Y3 shall start basketball with Mr Naughton. Here they shall learn to pass, send and receive effectively, movement in and out of space, basic marking and then small sided games at a pace that suits them. They shall finish the term with two introductory tag rugby sessions.

On alternate Tuesday mornings Y3 shall take part in Yoga with Ms McCrone. These sessions are designed to draw inner focus, confidence, both physical and mental strength as well as teaching the children tools to cope with anxiety in their busy lives. The sessions shall encourage individual and paired work to build friendships and fun.

Please note that the Children will need to come into **school dressed in their PE kits with their uniforms in their bag every Tuesday**.

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 Goalen every Wednesday, reinforcing what we have already learned and adding to our vocabulary.

READING

Each child will continue to be part of a Guided Reading Group where they will take part in shared reading. They will also continue to read a book in our independent reading sessions. Children are expected to read at home every night for at least 15 minutes. Like last term, once the children have completed their reading book I will continue to ask them a few questions and discuss the book before they choose another.

Regards,
Mrs McCarthy and Mrs Khatib

HOME LEARNING

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

All homework 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** neatly.

Topic: One piece of topic home based learning will be sent within this half-term. Your child will be sent home with a task based on our topic "How Humans Work" an explanation and when it is due in will be sent home directly with your child.

Spellings and times tables: Tests will be on a Friday. Please ensure your child has their spelling and times table card every **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.