

Important dates for Year 3:

Friday 15th September 9.05am - 9.30am
Parent Welcome Meeting

Tuesday 19th September – Year 3 Trip to
Celtic Harmony

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October
2023 – **Half Term**

Further events will be confirmed nearer the
time.

How can I help at home?

Please label your child's school uniform, PE kit
and their packed lunch box.
Read with your child regularly.
Check for any homework on Google classroom.
Use NumBots to consolidate quick recall and
fluency in mental addition and subtraction.
Use Time Tables Rock Stars to practise
multiplication and division facts.

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Year 3 Parent Information Booklet

What your child will be learning about this
term and how you can help at home

Autumn Term 2023

Learning and Growing with God by Our Side

English

Narrative: In this unit we will be reading the story 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. As part of this unit, children will show their understanding by sequencing the story and answering a range of comprehension questions. They will then focus on how to use direct speech and descriptive language, before using this knowledge to plan and write their own story.

Letters: In this unit, the children will read 'Ulf the Finger Eater' by Dick King Smith. They will infer characters' feelings, motives, behaviour and relationships based on descriptions and their actions in the story. They will also write a letter in character using conjunctions, adverbs and inverted commas to punctuate direct speech. Finally, they will learn to proof read for spelling and punctuation errors to edit their work.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Encourage your child to read a wide range of books, both fiction and non-fiction so they can access a wide range of vocabulary.

Maths:

Number and place value: The children will cover numbers up to 1000 and focus on the value of each digit: place value. Pupils will learn how to compose and decompose numbers, compare and order and look for patterns.

Addition and subtraction: The lessons start with simple addition before moving on to addition where renaming is required. Once pupils master addition and subtraction, they start to look at problem solving questions and practice using bar models.

Geometry and statistics: The children will look at drawing and understanding the properties of 2-D shapes. They will interpret bar charts and tables.

Multiplication and division: Throughout the year, pupils will revise their knowledge of 2, 5 and 10. They will go on to cover the multiplication and division of 3, 4 and 8.

R.E:

Homes. We are going to explore both our family and the Christian family and why they are important to us. We think about God's vision for every family.

Promises. Children will explore what a promise is and what promises we make to God at Baptism.

Visitors: We will be studying concepts related to Advent and the time leading up to the birth of Christ.

Judaism: A week will be spent studying Judaism, learning about how and where the Jewish people worship and compare any similarities and differences between their faith and our faith. We will also try to arrange a visit to a synagogue.

Science: Rocks

During our science lessons children will be learning about different types of rocks, comparing how they are different based on their appearance, make systematic and careful observations about the rocks, learn about fossils and how they are formed and explain how soil is made.

Light and Shadows

In this unit, the children will learn about different sources of light, and that we need light to see. They will investigate reflective materials, in the context of designing a new book bag.

History: Prehistoric Britain

We will be exploring the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age periods. We will look at what made these periods in history special exploring the discoveries and inventions. We will also learn why historical artefacts are important and how we can use them to help us discover information about the past.

Geography: Volcanoes and earthquakes

The children will be looking at what causes earthquakes and the links to tsunamis. They will examine famous volcanoes and volcanic islands, as well as exploring their structure.

Art/ D.T

The children will explore cave art, such as the Lascaux Cave paintings and will create their own. They will design and make round houses. They will also explore mechanism to make their own Sabre Tooth Tiger Pneumatic Monsters.

PE: Invasion games: We will be working on ball skills and hand and eye coordination when throwing and catching. We will play football, netball and tag rugby.

Music: Music for the first half term will be to follow performance direction and maintain a part in a piece. Children will create a simple graphic score and perform it. For the remainder of the term, we will be focussed on preparations for Christmas time.

Computing: Children develop understanding of digital images, coding and E-safety. They transform and edit images, respecting copyright and ownership. They explore stop animation creating their own versions. They produce programmed animations in Scratch, using sequence, repeat and selection.

MFL The children will study basic greetings and phrases. They will practise and consolidate counting, describing their family and simple instructions.