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St. Mary's mission: To love God above all things by: learning together, loving ourselves, loving each other, loving all people, loving life itself and constantly striving for excellence worthy of our God-given gifts.

Year 3 newsletter - Autumn 1

We are delighted to share with you some key information for Year 3 for Autumn 1. Most of this information can be found on our school website and X page, so please check regularly for any updates. We are excited to welcome back our Year 3 children:

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and staff in Year 3: -

Mrs.
Whittingham

Miss. Flynn



Miss. Heath

Our classes are named after Saints.

We ask for the intercessions of these Saints throughout the school year, to protect us, and help us to grow in wisdom in Year 3.

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St. Therese of Lisieux



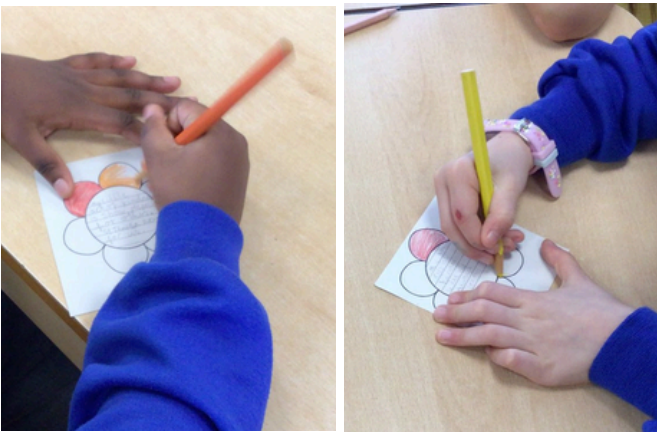
St. Therese is also known as the 'Little Flower'. She was a Carmelite nun who asked to join the religious life at the early age of 15. She is the youngest doctor of the Church who taught that we can do little things to bring us closer to God.

3L

St. Lucy



St. Lucy is the patron Saint for those who are blind. Her name means light. She was a young Christian in the third century who experienced spiritual visions. She was condemned and martyred for her faith and she has many miracles attached to her.



Our RE learning this half term

We will be studying the following units in our RE lessons: -

Belonging

This unit involves the children exploring the different groups to which they belong. Through the theme of belonging, they will study the Sacrament of Baptism as a Sacrament of Belonging to the Church. They will also learn how Catholics celebrate their belonging to the Family of God through the Celebration of Mass.

We Listen to God's Word at Mass

This unit involves the children in thinking about listening and finding out about the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. Through this topic they will explore the value and the importance of listening to the Word of God in the Scriptures.

Year 3 Curriculum Map

Stunning Start

Children discuss experience of being part of our school community. Children will draw their ideal community and create a set of rules linked to the School Mission (what makes a community?).

Science - Rocks NPP

Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock. Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter

English

Terrific Text

Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura

Writing Opportunities

Diary entry as Stone Age Boy

Narrative with an alternative ending

Innovation on a traditional tale

Explanation text linked to Science and History

Spoken Language opportunities / Oracy

Hot seating and role play as Stone Age Boy.

Presentation of explanation texts.

Art - Stonehenge Silhouette

Students will create a Stonehenge silhouette using line drawing, paint theory, and blending techniques. This project will help them understand the importance of collaboration and artistic skills in producing a unified and cohesive artwork, mirroring how teamwork and growth contribute to achieving common goals.

Music - Ballads

Students will be able to identify the key features of a ballad and perform it using actions. They will sing in time and in tune while incorporating actions. Additionally, they will retell a summary of an animation's story, write a verse with rhyming words that tell part of a story, and perform their lyrics fluently with actions.

Other Reading Opportunities

A selection of traditional tales

Non-fiction texts on the Stone Age and Rocks

Year 3

R.E.

Unit A: Belonging - Children will learn about the sacrament of Baptism as a sacrament of belonging to God's family, the Church.

Unit E: We Listen to God's Word at Mass - Children will be taught to identify some signs and symbols associated with Baptism.

PSHE: Families and Relationships

Children will understand that families are all different and families support each other but can experience problems. Children will understand that problems can occur in friendships but violence is never right. Children will identify who they can trust and recognise different stereotypes.

RSE: Module 1 Created and Loved by God
Gospel story of Jesus healing Jairus' daughter.
Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation.

Family & Community

The human person is not only sacred, but social.

Virtues:

Curious & Active

Scripture Focus:

"Those who say they love God must love their brother and sisters."

1 John 4:19-21

Prayer Focus:

Act of Sorrow (Contrition)

The Angelus

Big Question –

How do we work and grow together?

MFL - France, Instructions and Classroom Objects

In Year 3 French, students will locate France on a map of Europe, follow classroom instructions, and name classroom objects like table, chair, and book in French. They will also understand and use masculine and feminine nouns correctly.

History - Stone Age to Iron Age NPP

Students will develop **disciplinary knowledge** by understanding the Mesolithic, Neolithic, and Palaeolithic periods, enhancing their **chronological understanding** of these eras. They will gain **substantive knowledge** about settlements and engage in historical enquiry using various sources of evidence. **Procedurally**, students will learn to analyse these sources critically and place historical events in a chronological framework.

Computing - Networks and the Internet

Children will:

Recognise that a network is two or more devices connected. Understand how information moves around a network and the role of a server.

Understand that networks connect to the internet via a router.

Explain some of the journey a website goes through to reach a computer.

Explain that websites are split into small pieces (packets) to be sent via the internet.

Other Opportunities

Black History Month & Whole School Project

P.E. - Gymnastics and Cricket

Exploring movements and balances in a symmetrical and asymmetrical way.

Pupils will develop their throwing, catching and batting skills to outwit their opponents and win the game.

Maths

Place Value – numbers up to 100
Addition and Subtraction – mental and written calculations

Marvellous middle:

An awards ceremony to celebrate children who are living out the School Mission.

This curriculum map shows the key topics that we will be covering in Autumn 1 and you may like to do more of this with your child at home in order to support their learning in school.



Homework

Homework supports children's learning and is an important extension of the work we do in school. Following our curriculum maps will help you, as parents, to understand school better and give you the opportunity to help your child at home.



Homework - reading

We expect children to read to an adult at home every day. Children in Year 3 are growing in independence with their reading and are fine-tuning their reading out loud and comprehension. They still need lots of practise. Continue to read with your child at home and please sign the reading diary so that the teachers know how reading is going at home.

Homework - spelling

Autumn 1 Spellings

Spelling rules will be taught on Mondays, practiced throughout the week and tested on Fridays. Children should continue to learn these spellings at home alongside Y2 words this half term. During each test there will be 2 surprise Y3/4 common exception words and therefore a total of 10 spellings each week.

13.09.24	20.09.24	27.09.24	04.10.24
Suffix -ly + common exception words wisely slightly slowly immediately anxiously clumsily lazily actually	Suffix -ly + common exception words friendly lovely happily terribly cuddly politely ordinary perhaps	Suffixes from Year 2: '-s', '-es', '-er', '-ed', '-ing' walks searches hoped smiled baking clapping floated skipped	Prefix un - and dis- unhappy unseen unusual unwell dislike disagree dishonest disappear

11.10.24	18.10.24	24.10.24
Common exception words accident believe caught decide early famous guard heart	Words with the ei sound spelt ei, eigh, aigh or ey reins vein reign eight grey they obey convey	Homophones brake break stake steak sale sail waist waste

Year 2 Common Exception Words

after	class	floor	most	pretty
again	climb	gold	move	prove
any	clothes	grass	Mr	should
bath	could	great	Mrs	steak
beautiful	cold	half	old	sugar
because	door	hold	only	sure
behind	even	hour	parents	told
both	every	improve	pass	water
break	everybody	kind	past	whole
busy	eye	last	path	who
child	fast	many	people	wild
children	father	mind	plant	would
Christmas	find	money	poor	

Homework - maths

We are about to re-launch our x-table rockstars again, with a massive competition all the way up to Year 6. Research shows that quick recall of multiplication and division facts is essential for helping children do well in their maths learning.

Your child will soon receive their x-table rockstars password.

We will then be looking to see who is going on every night and improving their x-table knowledge.

PE

PE days – Autumn 1	
Year 3	Tuesday – Gymnastics Thursday – Cricket



On PE days - the children come in wearing their PE uniform.

This is the gold t-shirt, royal blue shorts, dark navy or black tracksuit bottoms and plain trainers. Please ensure that any jewellery is taken off for PE days for your child's (and others) safety. All long hair must be tied back in a ponytail.

Before School **CLUBS** After School

	Gymnastics	Tuesdays 8:00-8:45am	KS1 + KS2
	Karate	Wednesdays 7:45-8:30am	KS1 + KS2
	Karate	Thursdays 7:45-8:30am	KS1 + KS2
	Karate	Fridays 7:45-8:30am	KS1 + KS2

	Chess	Mondays 3:30 - 4:45pm	Year 3
	Girls Multi-sports	Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30pm	KS2
	Boys Football	Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30pm	Years 3-4
	Create Club	Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30pm	KS2

Dates for this half term – Year 3

Autumn theme -

Autumn 1 Virtues

2nd September 2024 - all day

3rd September 2024

WB 3rd September 2024

6th September 2024 - 9:30am

8th September 2024

13th September 2024

WB 16th September 2024

19th September 2024 - 3:15pm

20th September 2024 - 9:00am

20th September 2024 - 10:30am

24th September 2024 - am

25th September 2024 - 9:15am

26th September 2024 - 3:30pm

27th September 2024 - all day

30th September 2024

October 2024 - all month

October 2024 - all month

October 2024 - all month

1st October 2024 - all day

3rd October 2024 - all day

3rd October 2024 - lunch time

3rd October 2024 - 3:30pm

WB 7.10.24

9th October 2024 - all day

10th October 2024 - all day

15th October 2024 - all day

15th October 2024 - am

16th October 2024 - am

18th October 2024 - 6pm

WB 21.10.24

21.10.24 and 22.10.24

22nd October 2024 - all day

22nd October 2024 - 3:30-6:00

24th October 2024 - 3:30-6:00

24th October 2024 - normal time

25th October 2024 - all day

Families and Communities

Curious and Active

NSET day - school closed to children

Children return to school at normal time 8:30-8:45am

Nativity of Our Lady - we would like art work depicting Mary from all cultures

Whole School Mass for the Birthday of Mary - parents welcome in old church

Education Sunday

Class Leader elections for all year groups (incl School Council / Spiritual Council...)

Super Science Week in School

PTA welcome meeting for new Reception parents

Macmillan Coffee Morning run by School Council in the canteen

Cake sale for children - £1

Year 3 visit to Harborne library (9:15 3L and 11:00 3T)

Y3 Mass in Church (Y4 to attend) - Parents welcome

PTA event - Film Club for Years 1, 2 and 3

Children in **St. Vincent de Paul House** - wear white non-school uniform

x-table Rockstar launch day - dress as a rockstar!

Pray the Rosary

Black History Month

Collection for Harvest - please send food and self-care items in for our harvest

Y3T Non-school uniform day for their class Saint - St. Therese of Lisieux

National Poetry Day Competition

Themed Lunch in the canteen

PTA AGM meeting

Dyslexia Awareness Week

School Photo Day

Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day - wear yellow

Children in **St. Teresa of Avila House** - wear blue non-school uniform

Y3L - Lapworth museum visit

Y3T - Lapworth museum visit

PTA Fundraising in Parish Centre - Food Culture evening

School Book Fair in school - please support our book fair

PTA enrichment event in school for all children

Children in **St. John Paul II House** - wear red non-school uniform

Parent Consultation Evening

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Children finish today for October half-term (normal finish time)

INSET day - School closed to children