



Year 3

Curriculum Information Spring Term 2023

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Welcome to Year 3

PE

PE lessons for Year 3 are every Monday and Wednesday. Children will remain in their PE kit for the whole day. PE kits are only worn on the day of their PE lesson. Please ensure your child's kit is clearly named. Swimming lessons for Year 3 will take place later in the year. Details will follow in due course.

Upcoming Events & Trips Spring Term

We have organized a trip to the British Museum to support our next history topic, Ancient Egypt. This will take place on Thursday 2nd February.

Parent Consultations, Assessments and Reports

Children are assessed regularly during lessons by their teachers. Formal assessments in Maths, GPS, and reading take place during each term.

Parent Reading Workshop **1st February 2023**
Reports will be sent home on the **3rd March 2023**
Assessment Week begins the **6th March 2023**

Home Learning

Children will receive homework every **Thursday**. This will consist of maths and a reading comprehension / grammar task. This will be due in the following **Tuesday**. Reading homework is to be completed in reading records and maths homework in homework folders. Children may be set half-termly projects relating to topic work. In addition, spelling homework will be set every Tuesday to be completed in spelling records and returned on Friday of the same week.

Children will be issued a reading book **once a week**. We encourage children to bring in a book from home which can be kept in their tray. Children are expected to read each evening for up to 20 minutes and with an adult. Please ensure this is being recorded in their reading diary daily.

Key Skills

Grammar is a big focus in the English curriculum and children will be given a grammar task each week in school.

Reading, reading, **READING!!!** Non-fiction books, fiction books and poetry. Please do not forget newspapers too – *First News* is a great children's newspaper.

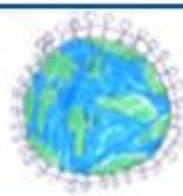
Children should be practising their multiplication tables daily and should know the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 times tables by the end of Year 3. We regularly use Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) in Year 3 to practise times tables.



Love



Trust



Teamwork



Ambition

Our Curriculum

The curriculum will continue to be integrated this year. RE, computing, music, art, DT, PE, science, French, P.S.H.E and maths will be taught discretely but other lessons will not be timetabled as strictly to allow the children to embark on a learning journey. This will be based on quality texts and on a history or geography topic. We will be placing much emphasis on good quality writing and the children will be writing regularly in a range of text types and genres. Details of the units for this term can be found below.

Learning Journey

Tomb Raiders: During this topic, children will be learning about Ancient Egypt including the pyramids and how they were built. Additionally, they will investigate the lifestyle and customs of the Ancient Egyptians and explore the importance of the River Nile to Egyptian life and trade. Our main texts for this topic are 'Cinderella of the Nile' by Beverly Naidoo and 'The Story of Tutankhamun' by Patricia Cleveland-Patrick. Within these topics, children will be writing adverts, character descriptions and biographical reports.

The Land Beneath Me: In this Geography and Science based topic children will investigate rocks, soils, volcanoes earthquakes, tsunamis and tornadoes. The children will read 'Pebble in my Pocket' by Meredith Hooper which tells the story of the journey of a pebble through time. They will write an explanation piece to describe the formation of a volcano. Poetry will also feature this term when the children write Tanka, Haiku and Kennings poems.



RE

This year we are continuing our RE scheme, *Come and See* to deepen children's understanding of faith, please see details of units below:

Journeys: In this unit, we will understand that the experience of community is an essential and enjoyable part of life for people of every age and faith and learn more about Christian life through study of the liturgical calendar.

Listening and Sharing: Children will learn about the different parts of the Mass and how through celebrating the Holy Eucharist we give and receive.

Giving all: We will focus on Lent and Easter. Exploring how Jesus gave to us and how we give in life, especially family life, in our faith and life in school.



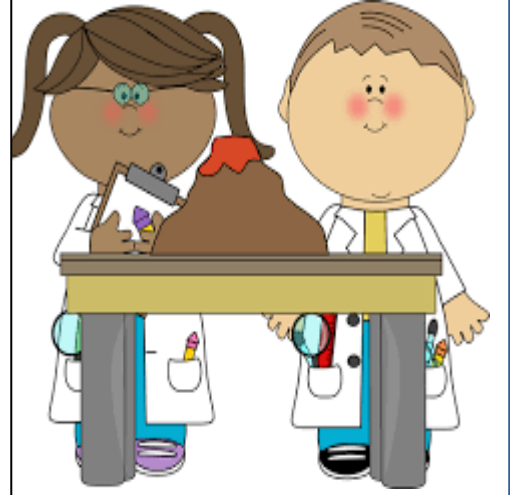
Grammar and Spelling

There is an increased focus on grammar, punctuation and spelling in the year three curriculum. Like this term, we will be looking at a range of spelling patterns. Please spend time with your children, exploring these spelling patterns. We will also have a particular focus on learning key words and grammatical terms. Grammar will focus on clauses, phrases, expanded noun phrases and time and cause conjunctions (used with main and subordinate clauses).

Science

Rocks and soils: During this unit, children will be able to 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.

Animals, including humans - keeping healthy: During this unit, children will be able to identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat; identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.



Who Can You Talk To?

You should speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance if you have any worries or concerns about any aspect of your child's education here at St. Teresa's. You are more than welcome to make an appointment to see the class teacher or the KS2 phase leader (Mr Humphrey) through the office or email for a more formal correspondence.

You can also talk to:

Mrs Druce (Deputy Head teacher)

danielle.druce@st-teresas.merton.sch.uk

or Miss Gregory (SENCO)

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W razie trudności ze zrozumieniem informacji prosimy o skontaktowanie się z szkolnym sekretariatem. Dziękujemy

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