

St Joseph's Primary

Curriculum Overview



Year 3 – St Francis of Assisi Class

Summer Term 2019

Overview of the Year 3 curriculum for the Summer Term.

ENGLISH- Speaking and Listening: We will be using play scripts to support our understanding and comprehension of a variety of texts. We aim to use this in conjunction with our growing vocabulary to create in depth descriptions and present our own opinions.

Writing: We will be looking at persuasive and creative writing, considering the language, format and contents that are required. In partnership with this we will continue to build a varied vocabulary for all forms of writing and continue to develop our handwriting skills.

Reading: We continue to take part in whole class Guided Reading where we use our class reader to help us learn to evaluate texts, infer character feelings and reactions as well as developing our vocabulary.

Spelling: We will be practising set spellings through our homework to support the new spelling skills we learn in class. We will be working on a variety of suffixes and prefixes in the summer term.

SCIENCE – In science we will be looking at rocks, soils and fossils, plants and forces. This will include grouping rocks based on their appearance, learning the fossilisation process, investigating plant structures and their life cycle and how objects move on different surfaces including magnetism.

RE – RE continues to form a core part of our curriculum here at St Joseph's. Please see the separate newsletter regarding an overview for the 'Come and See' programme.

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

In geography we will be taking our class trip to the Seven Sisters to support our previous unit of work on Mountains and Rivers. We will also be looking at volcanoes and earthquakes, including where they happen and why.

In history we will be looking at a local history study based around the Volks railway and Magnus Volk the man who invented the technology to make this possible.

PE

In the first half term we will be learning and refining our golf and tennis skills. After Half Term we will be preparing for our sports day by taking part in a variety of athletics related PE sessions and using our scientific knowledge to understand how exercise affects and benefits our bodies.

ART and DoT - Mrs Hill will continue to inspire our creativity and this will be linked to our class topics. We will start by improving our detailed observational drawings of rocks and fossils. In the second part of term we will be working to create our own class volcano!

MUSIC – Mrs Brownbill takes a weekly whole school Hymn Practise to provide the practise of singing skills. The children will also be lucky enough to use a variety of instruments to keep a rhythm to music during their weekly lesson with Mrs Brownbill.

Computing – In computing we will be using software to collect, analyse and present data in a variety of way using the great facilities of our ICT suite. We will also continue to use Scratch, Sumdog and Rock Stars Times Tables to support our learning across the curriculum.

Spanish – This term the children will continue their weekly lesson introducing them to Spanish language and culture with Miss Matthews. The children will continue to cover a range of conversational language.

HOMEWORK – Our Summer homework will continue in a similar vein to our previous terms. A literacy and numeracy piece will be provided for your child on Thursdays and expected in school the following Tuesday. Children are aware and respectful of this deadline and we encourage diligence and effort in carrying out these home based learning activities. With the children's skills developing we will sometimes be setting extended literacy tasks instead of spellings, these are expected to be carried out to the same standard we see in class.

We ask that homework should be completed in ordinary writing pencil or a blue/black pen. Felt tips, colouring pencils and gel pens are discouraged.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mr Sutherland and Miss Taylor.