

St Joseph's Primary

Curriculum Overview



Year 3 – St Francis of Assisi
Class

Autumn Term 2016

Overview of the Year 3 curriculum for the Autumn Term.

ENGLISH- Speaking and Listening: In conjunction with our writing work we will be learning to expand our vocabulary through building word maps to secure our understanding of new words. We will also be regularly using Talk Partners to learn skills in deepening our understanding of a subject and fostering a pro-social conversation.

Writing: We will be focussing on using our phonics knowledge and using support materials, such as dictionaries, to check our spelling. We will continue to work on joining our handwriting.

Reading: The children take part in regular Guided Reading activities which include reading in small groups, individually with the teacher, spelling and handwriting activities as well as comprehension tasks. We are encouraging children to read at home at least 3 times per week, recording this in their reading record.

Spelling: We will be practising set spellings through our homework to support the new spelling skills we learn in class.

MATHS- Place Value- We will be learning to identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations (such as numicon, multilink cubes etc.) With a view of being able to manipulate numbers using tens and hundreds as well as recognising place value. We aim to secure our knowledge in reading and writing numbers up to 1000.

Addition and Subtraction- We aim to add and subtract numbers mentally with a view to manipulate 3 digit numbers with this supported by using column addition and subtraction first as a paper method. Through this we will also grow our skills in estimation.

Multiplication and Division - We will be learning our 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables. As we progress we will be learning to solve problems using a variety of learning materials, such as arrays, repeated addition and mental methods.

Measurement - Aiming to compare and manipulate lengths.

SCIENCE - Science is taught approximately once a week and is as practical as possible. Children will have the opportunity this term to learn about Forces and magnetism (this will connect to our work in Geography with compasses) as well as sources of light and understanding shadow and reflections.

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 history this term we will be exploring our British History with a focus on the transformation of Britain from a Stone Age civilisation to an Iron Age one. This will involve understanding the human social change from hunter gatherers to the more sophisticated farmer and what that would have looked like.

In geography we will be looking at how to use and apply our understanding of a compass, map symbols and keys to navigate simple maps. Through this we will broach our fieldwork skills in observation, measurement and recording.

PE - This term we are happy to be working with the 'Make a Change' group who run a small workshop series on health living and eating as part of a scheme run by Brighton and Hove council. It will be part of our movement to encourage children to adopt healthier practises and be more accountable for their own lifestyle choices. Alongside this, traditional PE sessions will continue will utilise our skills in throwing, catching and running in isolation and combination to then apply in competitive sports (which are modified for school practise).

ART and D&T - Ms. Simson will be working with the class on their art and DT skills.

MUSIC - Mrs Brownbill takes a weekly whole school Hymn Practise to provide practise and application of singing skills. The children will learning to compose music in class through the Charanga Music Programme.

ICT - In Computing, children are continuing their work with the programme 'Scratch', learning how to detect and correct errors in code. Scratch is also easily accessed at home as it is available online for free.

FRENCH - This term the children will begin to explore conversational French, learning games and traditional French songs (typically nursery rhymes).

HOMEWORK - In the autumn term homework will either be an English or Maths assignment with regular spellings and times tables practise. An extended project may be set for the half term and Christmas. Homework will be given out on a Friday, to be returned the following Thursday. Those children who do not return the homework by Friday morning will be required to complete their homework during Golden Time on a Friday afternoon. Children need to be aware of the school rule that homework not returned on time is not acceptable. If there are difficulties or concerns with the homework parents are welcome to contact the class teacher, Miss Matthews.

Thank you for your continuing support.
Miss Matthews, Mrs Barnard and Ms Paul.