

St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School

Class Three - Autumn Term 2018 Newsletter

Welcome to the Autumn Term.

Literacy

Throughout the term your children will continue to read a range of texts, stories and poems. We will be reading the story 'Stone Age Boy' and creating our own version of this. In non-fiction, we will be looking at giving instructions and recount texts.

Reading-your children are expected to read for at least 10 minutes each day (including the weekend). It really is a great help to listen to your child read and note progress in their home link book. Remember children do benefit from reading the same book a number of times when at the early stages of reading. If your child is a more confident reader they can record the reading of library books and their own books in their home link book, as books will only be changed at school once a week. It is also important to read to and share stories with your children.

Spelling-Spelling patterns and rules are introduced and explored every week. A spelling list will be given each Tuesday to learn and there will be a test on the following Friday. Please return the spelling folder every Friday.

Handwriting-Children will be encouraged to use and develop joined writing in their daily work. Handwriting pens will be used by children who have received a 'Pen licence'.

Writing- After reading, analysing, performing and discussing texts, the children will have opportunities to write their own versions. In all forms of writing they will be encouraged to follow structures and features of the text type. Our grammar and punctuation focus this term is on capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks, question marks and commas in lists.

Maths

We will be covering a wide range of topics, with regular revision of the four operations and learning times tables 2x, 5x, 3x, 4x and 8x. Tables and number bonds should be practised at home to help with rapid calculation. We will also be learning about place value of 2 and 3 digit numbers.

Religious Education

Throughout the school, we use 'The Way, the Truth and the Life' programme for our religious teaching. During this term, the children will be exploring the following themes:

- The Christian family
- Mary, mother of God

Also see the Religious Education newsletter for more details.

As we are thinking about The Holy Family we would like all children to bring in a photograph of their family.

Science

Our topics for this term are 'Rocks & Soils' and 'Forces & Magnets'. We will be investigating the formation and uses of different rocks & soils and looking at forces in everyday life.

Topic Work

Our topic this term is Stone Age to Iron Age and we will be completing a variety of activities that encompass History, Geography, Art and DT. We will learn about the arrival of people like us to Briton, different settlements, Bronze Age jewellery and family life. We will also be going on a trip to Celtic Harmony, providing the opportunity for the children to consolidate learning outside the classroom.

ICT

Our topic this term is called "Bringing images to life." Children will develop an understanding of digital images. They will transform and edit images considering copyright and ownership. They will also explore stop animation, creating their own versions. Throughout their computing lessons this year, they will also be learning about e-safety.

French

This year the children will begin French lessons in school. They will start by learning numbers 1-10 and general greetings.

Here are some web-links you may wish to use to further learning:

Literacy: <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

Maths: <http://urbrainy.com/maths-games/year-3-ages-7-8>

Science: http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/materials/rocks_soils/play

Forest Schools

As part of the curriculum Year 3 will be taking part in Forest Schools every Tuesday. For this they will need wellies and a waterproof coat.

General Points

The children are expected to be organised and become increasingly independent. They should be encouraged to put everything they need for school into their bag during the previous evening.

Reminders

P.E. is on Monday and Thursday.

PE kits should be in school

Monday – Friday. Our focus is on Netball and Gymnastics this term.

The children may bring in a pencil case. We ask for this to be a simple design and only contain colouring pencils.

All their belongings, including any stationery they wish to bring in, must be clearly named.

Please could all children bring in an old shirt for Art.

We would appreciate if all parents would donate a box of tissues so these are freely available when needed.

If you have any queries or concerns about any aspects of the curriculum or your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are looking forward to meeting you at Meet the Teacher sessions on Tuesday 25th (3.35pm) and Thursday 27th (9.05am) September.

Mrs Letts will be teaching Monday and Tuesday, Mrs Hatton will be teaching Wednesday to Friday.

**Mrs Letts and Mrs Hatton
Class Teachers**

**Ms T McBride
Head teacher**