



# St Margaret Clitherow Primary School

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The teacher in Year 3 is Mrs Kerai. She is pleased to welcome your children into Year 3 as they start the new School year.

We do remind all parents to ensure that all possessions and clothes are clearly marked with your child's full name - scratches and other marks are not sufficient. This includes P.E kit and individual paint shirts.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

As a Catholic School, St Margaret Clitherow is committed to educating our children in the beliefs and rites of the Roman Catholic Church. Prayer is a most important aspect of this education and each day will start and end with prayer, either in the classroom or in assemblies.

Celebration, too, is a key area of our faith and assemblies and Masses will be celebrated throughout the year, in school and in the church of English Martyrs. As parents, you too have a responsibility to attend Sunday Mass with your children and to ensure the observance of Holy Days of Obligation about which the children will learn in school. The children will be looking at areas of our faith using resources provided by the Diocese of Westminster. More information can be found on the diocese website ([www.rcdow.org.uk](http://www.rcdow.org.uk)) in the education section. The first topic is called "Beginning with God" followed by "From Advent to Christmas".

It is essential that school, parish and home links are maintained and strengthened and we welcome your co-operation and support.

The school works closely with the parish and topics covered through the First Holy Communion programme will be reinforced in school.

### **ENGLISH**

Language is taught across the curriculum and English is one of the core subjects of the new Primary Curriculum. In Year 3 the children will cover the following basic work as well as all the other language work which will flow from other curriculum areas.

### **MODERN LANGUAGE**

All the children from Y3 to Y6 are taught half an hour Italian tuition every week.

### **READING**

The children will be asked to reinforce and apply their word level skills through shared and guided reading for pleasure, information and for a purpose. Parents are reminded of Homework which all children complete each week (the list of weekly homework for Year 3 is available on the school website). It is vital you hear your child read as often as possible.

### **GRAMMAR**

The programme of study in Year 3 includes extending sentence writing, paragraphs and story writing. Punctuation is emphasised, especially the use of questions and exclamation marks, commas and speech marks. Additionally there will be a focus on prefixes, word families and clauses.

### **WRITING EXPERIENCE**

Writing experience will include writing for a purpose, e.g. notes, reports, lists, letters and dictation. Writing for pleasure will include creative writing and poetry.

We use a range of Reading Schemes which is supplemented by a variety of other texts and materials (100 Literacy Lessons).

### **MATHS**

Maths is another of the core areas of the Primary Curriculum. Maths skills will be taught separately but every opportunity will be taken to link Mathematics to everyday life and practical situations. We use a range of resources and materials to reinforce Mathematic skills. The

children will be set weekly Mathematics activities online, which **must** be completed as part of their weekly homework. They also need to practice their Numeracy Passport targets at home daily.

### **SCIENCE**

Science will be covered in Year 3 under the following headings:

Autumn –Plants / Forces & Magnets  
Spring – Forces and Magnets / Animals including Humans  
Summer – Light/ Rocks

### **TOPIC**

This year in Year 3 we are working on a topic based curriculum which will cover History, Geography, Art and DT. The following topics will be covered:

Autumn Term - Stone Age to Iron Age Britain  
Spring Term - The United Kingdom  
Summer Term - The Romans

### **PE AND GAMES**

The children in Year 3 have an afternoon session of gym/games/athletics, taught by the class teacher. The PE sessions will emphasize changes in shape, direction, level and speed using the floor and apparatus, working alone and with partners. During the year basic skills for ball games and other small games will be taught.

After school clubs are available for children to learn: Kung Fu and football.

FOR REASONS OF HEALTH AND SAFETY, PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS THE CORRECT AND LABELLED PE KIT IN SCHOOL FOR THESE LESSONS.

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

There are interactive whiteboards in each classroom and there are 30 laptops for use within the classroom. Also the children will have the opportunity to work with iPads and kindles. We are following the 3BM Scheme of work.

### **MUSIC**

Music is taken one day a week by Mr Turner. Through practical activities, students are encouraged to develop their musical skills. Students are exposed to a wide variety of musical styles. Activities range from singing and playing percussion instruments to composing and learning about different types of music such as jazz, classical and rock 'n' roll.

A hymn practice is held once a week where all students come together as a key stage group to sing a variety of hymns and songs. Music is an integral part of Class Assemblies, Christmas Assemblies, School Masses and End of Year Productions.

### **PERSONAL, SOCIAL, HEALTH EDUCATION – (PSHE)**

The children will be taught PSHE both in separate lessons and within other subjects such as Religious Education. Many important aspects are reinforced outside timetabled lessons. The school also offers a Breakfast Club from 8.00 – 8.30 each morning.

### **HOMEWORK**

In Year 3, homework each week will be:

- Read every night
- Learn spellings for Friday spelling test
- Complete Mathematics tasks
- Practise Numeracy passport targets
- Complete handwriting sheet to give to teacher every Monday
- Complete Times Tables Rockstar tasks
- Learn times tables
- Unfinished class work can be sent home to be completed and given to teacher the next day.

New Mathematics tasks will be set each week and must be completed. Spellings will be completed on a Friday and times tables tests will be completed four times each week. Children may also be

asked to complete work started in class or to conduct some independent research. As always, the best way you can help your child and us, is by hearing him/her read. Children will benefit from reading at home every day. Please make your child is responsible for completing their homework. Book bags need to be brought into school each day. Additionally, all children should have all the necessary stationery in order to complete their work in school. If children to not have access to a computer at home, they can complete Mathematics activities during lunchtime. However, written confirmation of this needs to be given to the class teacher.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

At St Margaret Clitherow School, we aim to make each child's individual birthday a special one. Each child's birthday will be acknowledged with a certificate.

On the day of your child's birthday, they will be allowed to come to school in their own clothes. If your child's birthday falls on the weekend or holidays, they may wear their own clothes on the first school day following.

Birthday cakes and sweets are not permitted as we are a healthy school. Should you wish to celebrate your child's birthday in school, we suggest donating a book for our school library. This book will bear a special sticker commemorating your child's birthday.

### **ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**

Children can only benefit fully from their schooling if they attend regularly and are on time. If your child is absent from school, a note of explanation must be sent in when he/she returns.

Leave of Absence must be sought for any child to be absent from school during term time. Such permission can only be given under exceptional circumstances for up to 10 days. However, if this exceeds 10 days without permission your child will risk having their name deleted from the school register. Also, in such cases, it may not be possible to give work to be done during that absence since the work children do outside school is connected to the lessons taught in class.

Children arriving late at school disrupt lessons which may have already started. This creates a negative start to the day for the child who is late and who has missed important instructions. If your child is late, he/she must first report to the school office where a record of latecomers is kept. Parents/guardians of children persistently late will be asked to discuss the situation with the Headteacher or Education Social Worker.

### **BEHAVIOUR**

We expect very high standards of behaviour and consideration from all children in St Margaret Clitherow School and any instances of misbehaviour will be dealt with immediately when they are seen or drawn to our attention. Parents will be contacted in all cases of repeated or serious misbehaviour so that we can work together to resolve the difficulty. Full co-operation between home and school will ensure that children can learn in an atmosphere free from interruption and one from which we can all benefit.

### **BEHAVIOUR POLICY**

The School Rules:-

Tell the truth - Have respect for yourself, others and property – I will always listen and take turns  
– Nice words only – Keep safe and walk.

The Playground Rules:-

Stop when the bell goes – And walk to your class line – For class points, wait quietly –  
Everybody walk safely into class.

Good social behaviour, both in and out of the classroom is noted and rewarded by certificates at the weekly certificate assembly. There is also a 'Star of the Week' award.

We are always pleased to see you if you have any matters concerning your child that you wish to discuss. Please contact the office, Headteacher, or your child's teacher to arrange a convenient time.

We hope that your child will have a happy and successful year at St Margaret Clitherow School.

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