

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



Year 3

Autumn Term 1

English

In English, we will be learning about techniques used in descriptive poetry. We will be concentrating and unpicking the language used in 'I asked a boy who could not see'. Children will then try and apply those taught techniques to their own poems.

We will also support children's reading with three sessions of guided reading a week. Daily SPaG lessons will help us learn about new rules that will help in our reading and writing.

Maths

To start this year, we will be looking at adding and subtracting across 10 and learning all about numbers to 1000. Within this we will be practicing practical and formal written methods to solve more complicated word problems.

We will continue to use TTRockstars both at school and at home so that children practice their times tables and division facts so that children can become fluent and apply their knowledge to other areas of their learning.

We will develop our arithmetic skills each week to keep our brains active and charged.

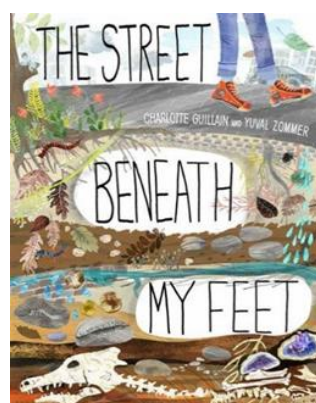
Science

In Science, we will understand how animals and humans change and grow. We will look at habitat and diet and learn about a range of ways we look after ourselves and keep our bodies healthy.

RE

In RE, the children will explore the story of Creation in Genesis, learning that we are made in the image of God and called to care for creation.

We will move on to hear how Sunday became an important day for Christians and how Mass on that day gathers the Catholic faithful to remember and celebrate, recognise key signs, symbols and prayers used in worship, and reflect on Joseph's response to God as they prepare for the season of Advent.



Geography

In Geography we will learn all about where we live and about countries around the world, especially those in Europe. We will be identifying the countries, counties, cities and regions of the United Kingdom. It also includes understanding physical and human features, and developing map skills by using atlases, globes, digital maps, compass points, grid references, symbols and keys to locate places and describe geographical features.

Computing

In Computing, children will understand computer networks including the internet; how they can provide multiple services, such as the world wide web; and the opportunities they offer for communication and collaboration.

Art

In Art we will be learning all about surrealist landscapes and studying the work of Salvador Dali and Frida Kahlo. We will look at individual aspects of the art before designing and creating our own pieces.

Music

In Music, we will learn basic notes and rhythm using a glockenspiel and listen to some RnB music.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will focus on 'Created and Loved by God' which explores the individual. Rooted in the teaching that we are made in the image and likeness of God, it helps children to develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships and healthy lifestyles.

PE

In PE, we will use the outdoors to develop our running, jumping, throwing and catching and play competitive games. We will develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance.

French

We start our French journey by learning some basic greetings and phrases, then we move onto numbers and counting up and down in French.

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to Year 3! Most of you already know me, I'm Mrs Ahmed and this is my 3rd year at St Catherine's. I am absolutely thrilled to have these lovely children back!

I am looking forward to the topics and units we cover in Year 3 and can't wait to spend this year guiding your children through the next step in their educational journey.

Key information

Homework – Spellings will be sent home on **Friday** and there will be a test the **following Friday**.

Grammar or maths will be set on alternative weeks and will be set on Friday and due the following Wednesday.

Children have spelling lessons 3 times a week, so children have plenty of opportunity to practice. Children will read to me every week; **books will be changed at least once a week**, and we find it is good practice if the **children bring their books in every day**. Please record any reading in the reading record diary. I love to hear about all of the different books your child has been reading, not just the schoolbook. **Children are also allowed and encouraged** to write in their own reading diaries as this is one way for me to assess their comprehension skills.

Children should have a **book bag** to carry letters, homework, reading books and reading records. This is to come to school every day. No backpacks please as we have limited room in the classroom/cloakroom.

Please ensure that your child has a **labelled water bottle in school at all times**.

P.E kits – **your child will wear their PE kit to school on PE days**.

P.E. will be on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**.

The school PE kit should include: a blue t-shirt, blue shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers. No jewellery – including earrings - and all long hair to be tied back. We also ask that children wear their school jumper or cardigan on PE days when needed.

We encourage your child to do the following at home:

«15 minutes reading «15 minutes learning of spellings «15 minutes on TTRockstars «Topic related homework when set>>

I am often available at the start and end of the day for quick catch-ups and questions; if you need a longer or more private conversation, please contact the office to schedule an appointment.

Let's see what this year brings!

Mrs Ahmed