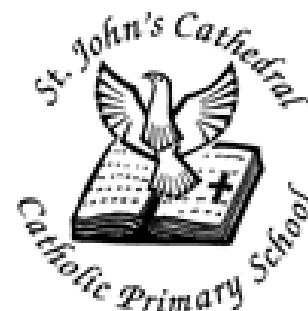


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Dear Parents,

### **Year 3 Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter**

I hope you find the following information of use in knowing what your child will be covering this term and helping to support them.

The main difference your child will encounter this year is that they will be expected to work more independently and take responsibility for organising their own belongings.

In **literacy** and **numeracy** similar areas of learning are covered each year but naturally with greater depth and at a more difficult level.

In **literacy** we will be looking at poetry, narrative (particularly setting and dialogue), plays, non-fiction texts, reports, instructions and note taking.

In **numeracy** we will be focusing on Number, place value, addition, subtraction, using numbers in real life situations i.e. money, Measures, Shape and Space; handling data and solving problems.

In Science we will be finding out about Teeth and Healthy eating. Your child will be learning how to keep healthy in everyday life. After half term we will be looking at Springs and Magnets.

ICT is used to support many subject areas. We will be particularly concentrating on developing the use of text and graphics combined, to communicate information; and being able to use ICT to record sounds.

In P.E. we will be having two lessons a week. One will be Gymnastics, on a Monday morning. The second will be Games on a Thursday morning. Correct P.E. kit **must** be worn, including footwear. In Year 3 children begin playing Hockey, it is essential for their safety that the correct kit is worn – normal PE kit with navy blue football socks, shin pads and a gum shield, all available, very reasonably, from Sport and Soccer in Commercial Road. It is expected that children will be able to **lace their own trainers and shoes**. Please could we also ask that tape is brought in for those children who you do not wish to take their earrings out.



In History we will be discovering why the Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings invaded Britain, we will be making two visits to support this work.

In Art we will be concentrating on developing our skills at Portraying Relationships. There may be occasional extra homework to support this subject.

In DT we will be designing and making packages which will support our 3-d shape work.

R.E. is a very important part of our curriculum. We develop further our knowledge and understanding.

This is achieved through our study of:

The Mission Statement  
Prayers, Saints and Feasts  
Creation  
St. John's Gospel  
Advent/Christmas

I hope you will be able to attend our Liturgy in the Cathedral on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30 a.m.

Our Family Learning will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 9 a.m.

Homework is a very important part of helping your child to achieve their potential. Homework is not optional. We hope you will support your child in ensuring that it is complete and returned to school on time.

#### **Homework Timetable**

Monday	Spellings given	Test on Friday
Tuesday	Written Task	Return on Thursday
Friday	Written Task	Return on Monday

It is expected that your child will practise spellings and tables each evening. They should read to an adult each day who should sign their Reading Record.

I look forward to meeting you at Parents' Evening and working with you and your child.

Yours sincerely,

E. Kern  
Year 3 Teacher