

Parent Overview
Year 3 Autumn 2018



This overview provides you with information about what your child will be learning during the Autumn term. In addition, all pupils will continue to learn about the Catholic Virtues and British Values as appropriate throughout the curriculum. If you require any further information, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher. Thank you.

English



This term we will be learning to:

- Write a persuasive letter
- Write and perform a play script
- Write a biography
- Develop language through Shakespeare's plays
- Construct fables
- Write a narrative from a character's perspective
- Read, write and perform free verse
- Recite familiar poems by heart

Maths



This term we will be learning to :

- Recognise the place value of each digit in a 3-digit number (hundred, tens, ones)
- Read and write numbers up to 1000 in numerals and words.
- Compare and order numbers up to 1000.
- Find 10 or 100 more or less than a given number.
- Count from 0 in multiples of 50 and 100.
- Add and subtract numbers mentally.
- Add and subtract 3-digit numbers using formal written column method.
- Check our answers using estimation and the inverse operation.
- Solve number problems through reasoning and problem solving.
- Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables

Religious Education



This term we will begin by studying the Sacrament of Baptism and learn how Catholics celebrate belonging to the family of God through the celebration of Mass. Next, we will look at reconciliation and Christ's teaching on forgiveness and the Sacrament of Penance. Finally, we will look at the season of Advent by studying the gospel accounts of the Annunciation and Visitation. We will understand that Advent is a time of preparation to reflect on Christ's coming into the world.

Science



Light and Shadows

We will explore the differences between light sources and light reflectors, and sort these into groups. We will describe how shadows are formed and explore the relationship between light, objects and shadows.

Movement and Feeding

We will be identifying that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat. Also, identifying that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

Computing



In Computing we will be looking at e-safety and learn how to keep safe when online. We will be using digital sources to research, select, edit and use information and learn to design, write and debug simple programs.

Topic

This term our topics are: Tribal Tales - what was life like in Britain 5000 years ago? and Tremors - what makes the world wobble? In tribal tales we will be learning about prehistoric Britain from the stone age to the iron age. We will look at maps and ariel photos, find out about the lives of ancient Britons and investigate how stone monuments were made. We will create our own Neolithic art, such as clay beakers and iron age jewellery. In Tremors we will be exploring the layers of the Earth, what causes volcanoes and earthquakes to erupt and the damages they cause to the environment and people, constructing volcanoes and looking at the features of volcanoes, using maps and atlases to locate volcanic islands to create our own geographical map, learning about what happened in Pompeii, using clay to make ashen casts of figures.

Other important information

Swimming will be on Wednesdays and starts on Wednesday 26th April. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit in on Wednesdays. PE is on Thursdays, but please ensure PE kits are kept in school at all times and remember earrings or other jewellery cannot be worn in PE or at swimming. Homework goes out on Fridays and is returned on Wednesdays.

Important dates for the term

- Parents Welcome Meeting, Tuesday 11th September at 15:40pm.

- Sacramental meeting, Tuesday 18th September, 7pm, Sacred Heart Church.
- Sacramental enrolment Mass, Sunday 30th September, 10:30am, St. John's Church.
- Parents' Evenings 23rd and 25th October.

How to help at home

Reading: Please read with your child for 10 minutes each night and return books into school every day. Include all books read in the reading record, not just books from school.

Times tables: Please practise times tables regularly - the target is to know 2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 4s and 8s by the end of Year 3.