

**St James the Great R C Primary School**

**Year 3**

**Newsletter**

8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year at school. We hope you had a great summer. In Year 3 your child will have some members of staff working in the class: these include Ms Maitland, Mrs McNamara and Ms Kimberley. We are looking forward to working with you and your child this year.

**It is important that the children read every day and they should bring in their reading books and book bags every day.** They have Home/School books that go home and in school we use these books to write about your child's reading. We would like parents to use the books to write about their child's reading at home. Please note that most children in Year 3 will now be taking part in a whole class reading session, where we will be working on reading skills together. Therefore, reading books will only be changed on a Monday, however, the children are encouraged to read books from the book corner, your local library and newspapers/ magazines.

**PE will take place on Thursdays and Fridays. Your child should come into school dressed in their school uniform and change into their PE kit at school.** The kit comprises of a white PE shirt, black plimsolls/ trainers, black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings. **Please put your child's name on the PE Kit and also their uniform, this makes it much easier for lost items to be returned to their owners.**

**Swimming** will also start for Year 3 from this week. Swimming lessons will be on Friday and the children will need a black or navy-blue swimming costume/ swimming trunks and a towel on that day.

Homework will consist of reading, spellings and timetables. Spellings and times-tables will be given out on Mondays and homework will be given out on Fridays and expected in the following Monday. During the week along with daily reading, please encourage your children to learn their spellings. these could be learnt through practice of look (read), cover, spell and then check. A spelling test and timetables will be given to children on Friday.

As the term continues there may be times that the timetable will need to change, so please allow for this. If you have any queries concerning the above, please make an appointment with the office to discuss this with the class team. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,









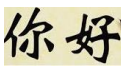

Ms Maitland- Class Teacher

Mrs McNamara- TA

Ms Kimberley- TA



### Year 3's Topics:

<b>English</b> 	In Literacy this half term one of the books we will be looking at is 'Starbird' which is a very interesting story set in an imaginary world. The children will be given many writing opportunities with a focus on creativity. For our poetry unit we are looking at the cautionary tale 'Jim'. The children will learn more about rhyme and homophones.
<b>Maths</b> 	We will be starting by looking at place value and ordering numbers before moving on to addition and subtraction in the second and third week. Following this we will be moving on to multiplication, fractions, time and geometry.
<b>Science</b> 	Magnets and Forces – in this science topic we will be carrying out many fun experiments. We will observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials.
<b>RE</b> 	We start our year off, by looking at family and home in our topic 'Domestic Church' before moving on to learning about Baptism and then Advent.
<b>PSHE</b> 	We will learn about successful teamwork skills, being considerate of others in the team and how to positively resolve any conflicts that occur. The children will also learn about their individual responsibilities towards teams they work in and how new starts, such as starting a new school year, may feel and how they can support each other in this.
<b>Geography</b> 	Across this term we will be looking at two topics. We will begin with North America-USA. The children will build on their mapping skills and the use of an 8-point compass. Our second topic is Extreme Earth, the children will learn about the causes and consequences of volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis and tornadoes.
<b>Art</b> 	Autumn leaves- the children will be looking at sketching, colour mixing, creating tones and using a range of brush sizes to create their art work.
<b>Design &amp; Technology</b>	During the second half of this term the children will design and make a photo frame. They will be looking at structure of photo frames and how they can recreate this.
<b>Computing</b> 	Through the course of this term the children will be looking at online Safety and building on their Word Processing Skills.
<b>Mandarin</b> 	Mandarin will be led by a specialist teacher. The children will begin to learn how to say hello and introduce themselves to others. They will then move on to learning how to pronounce their different family members.
<b>PE</b> 	In PE this half term the main focus of our lessons will be on developing passing and movement skills as well as team work and communication. Year 3 will also be taking part in dance this year, which will be led by a trained professional.