

St James the Great

Year 3

Spring 2024 Newsletter



Dear Parents/ Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new term. As you know I will know be teaching Year 3 again and Ms Edmonda is also joining the Year 3 team. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas. It's now time for the children and teachers to get back to working hard. The spring term curriculum map is attached.

Reading is fundamental to your child's learning. It is very important that you hear your child read and that you read to your child. Please ask them questions about the text and encourage them to predict what they think might happen. With words they don't understand, please ask them to read the rest of the sentence/paragraph to work out the meaning from the context; or use letter sounds. Children should be encouraged to discuss what they have read and reasons why they dislike or like a story/character. If your child is a reluctant reader there is nothing wrong with comics or magazines. In school we encourage children to read a range of books, from poetry to non-fiction, and to make links with other stories they have read.

In Maths they need to know their numbers up to 500 in reading the numerals, and the written numbers, knowing the value of a number and be able to place numbers on a number line according to the value. They also need to learn their 3, 4, 6 and 8 times tables and the related division facts. They should also continue practicing their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Please help your child with these and remember that students can use Times Tables Rock Stars. You can also encourage children to practice their mental arithmetic and times tables regularly for free on the Hit The Button website. The link to this is below:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Homework will continue to be given out every week and needs to be returned by Monday. Please use the answer sheets given to mark their work. Spellings are sent out in children's spelling books each week and are tested on Fridays. Thank you for the hard work you have been putting in with your child in helping to learn them.

PE is on Thursdays and dance is on Fridays. Your child needs a full PE kit and they can bring this in on Monday and leave it on their pegs until the end of the week. Please label all clothing as it does help any misplaced items to be returned to their owners. Swimming will continue to be on Fridays. Please make sure children bring their swimming costumes or trunks along with a swimming hat and their goggles. A towel is necessary for them to dry after going in the pool.









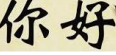

The Year Three team are looking forward to continuing working with you and your child this year. If you have any queries concerning the letter or wish to contact one of us please phone and arrange an appointment or see us at the end of the school day.

Happy New Year from us all,

Ms Jayawardhana, Mrs Mc Namara, Ms Wendy and Ms Edmonda

SPRING TERM

Year 3 - 2024

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| <p>English</p>  | <p>This term we will begin looking at the adventures of Gulliver. We will be looking at the main character through our descriptive writing. We will then be moving on to look at the work of the author Roald Dahl focusing on his book 'The BFG'.</p> |
| <p>Maths</p>  | <p>We are starting with place value to secure the children understanding of one, tens and hundreds before moving on to looking at numbers in the thousands, both reading and writing. Then we will move on to addition and subtraction looking at more formal methods. Later this half term we will be continuing to build on our multiplication and division skills.</p> |
| <p>RE</p>  | <p>We will start off our year by looking at our journey through the Church year and the liturgical calendar. We will then look at Eucharist. We learn about the Eucharist and the importance of sharing in the Christian faith. Finally, we will look at the Lent. We will learn about Lent and the importance of giving.</p> |
| <p>Science</p>  | <p>This term we will be looking at the different food groups which are important for us as humans to survive. The children will be able to explain what the right type and amounts of nutrition are important for human beings as well as some of the consequences related to eating the wrong type of diet. The children will also begin to learn the scientific names for the main bones in the human body and explain how the skeleton protects, supports and helps the body to move.</p> |
| <p>PSHE</p>  | <p>This term we will begin by looking at relationships we have with people around us and how we feel when something goes wrong in our lives. We will then look at British Values followed by safety – being safe, taking precautions and knowing what to do when an accident occurs.</p> |
| <p>History</p>  | <p>The Stone Age – we will be looking at how people survived in the stone age and the technologies that they used and created to help them do this. We will then move onto looking at the Bronze Age and the Iron Age.</p> |
| <p>Art</p>  | <p>The first term we will look at Investigating Pattern – colour shape space – Stone age art – we will be building on our increasing range of artistic skills and exploring new media to create a number of different Stone age art pieces.</p> |
| <p>Design & Technology</p> | <p>We will be focussing on making a healthy, toasted sandwich with our own chosen toppings. Hopefully if the weather permits we will take these to a park and enjoy them in the sun.</p> |
| <p>Computing</p>  | <p>This term we will look at coding using Turtle Academy. We will then move on to work on Publisher to create posters and cards relating to other topics.</p> |
| <p>Mandarin</p>  | <p>Mandarin will be led by a specialist teacher. The children will begin to learn how to count.</p> |
| <p>PE</p>  | <p>In PE this term, we will be learning about multi-link skills - making quick reactions to instructions given, making sharp turns and working as a team. Year 3 is also taking part in dance this year, which will be led by a trained professional.</p> |

If you have any question. Please don't hesitate to ask

Kind regards,

Ms Jayawardhana