

**St James the Great Catholic Primary School
Year 3**

7th January 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new term. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and thank you once again for your kind words, cards and presents. It's now time for the children and teachers to get back to hard work! 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. Children should be encouraged to discuss what they have read and give reasons as to 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, both in reading and writing them in numerals and words, knowing the value of a number and be able to place numbers on a numberline according to the value. They also need to learn their 3, 4, 8 and 6 times tables and the related division facts. Please help your child with these and encourage them to use Times Tables Rockstars too.

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

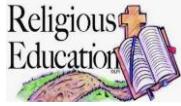
PE and Dance is on Thursday and Friday respectively. Your child needs a full PE kit to participate in their sessions. Swimming will also continue on Friday. **Please label all clothing as it does help any misplaced items to be returned to their owners.**

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

SPRING TERM

English 	This term we will begin with reading Gulliver. We will be looking at the main character and using descriptive writing to inspire our writing for character descriptions and letter writing. We will then be moving on to play script writing, diary writing and creating our own imaginative characters to create a narrative.
Maths 	We are starting with place value to secure the children's understanding of ones, tens and hundreds before moving on. This term we will be looking at time, shape, statistics and measuring. Later this term, we will move on to looking at more formal methods within addition and subtraction.
R.E Religious Education 	This term we will be looking at the journey through the Church's year and the liturgical calendar. We will then move on to learning about the Eucharist and the importance of listening in the Christian faith. Towards the end of this term, we will be looking at the importance of giving for Lent and Easter.
Science 	Animals including Humans – This term we will be looking at the different food groups which are important for us as humans to survive. 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.
PSHE 	Diverse Britain- The children will learn about British people, rules, the law, liberty and what living in a democracy means.
History 	Over this term the children will be learning about the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will discover how people survived back then in terms of their housing, diet and the technologies that they used and created to help them do this.
Art 	In this painting unit children will learn what illustration is. They will learn how art can have a range of purposes. They will develop their painting skills by learning about watercolour paints and how they should be used. They will know about the work of a range of illustrators. They will describe the differences and similarities between work and between different mediums (watercolour and acrylic).
Design Technology 	The children will be making a healthy sandwich. They will decide on what bread and toppings to use for their own healthy sandwich and evaluating it.
Computing 	Sequencing sounds explores the concept of sequencing in programming through Scratch. It begins with an introduction to the programming environment. The children will be introduced to a selection of motion, sound, and event blocks which they will use to create their own programs, featuring sequences. The final project is to make a representation of a piano. The unit is paced to focus on all aspects of sequences, and make sure that knowledge is built in a structured manner.
PE 	This term the children will be focusing on their Gymnastics skills. They will learn how to improve their balance while using different apparatus.
Music 	This term the children will be learning about Pulse and Metre.
Mandarin 	This term the children will learn about Chinese New Year. They will begin to pronounce the names of animals.