

St John's Cathedral Catholic Primary School

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter



Literacy

During this first half term, Year 3 will be looking at Myths and Legends. We will be reading a variety of myths and legends stories. We will be writing our own myth quest based on the myths we have been reading together both in class and in our guided reading sessions. Your child will be looking at Greek myths such as Odysseus and the wooden horse, Pandora's box, and Icarus. We will be exploring the characters in Greek myths, acting out existing myths, After half term, we will be looking at and writing information texts based on our new topic 'Treasure'. We will also look at the story genre of stories with a familiar setting.

Numeracy

During our numeracy lessons at the moment, we are focusing on place value and exploring different ways of partitioning. We will also be revisiting inverse calculations. We shall soon be moving on to the unit of understanding shape, where we will be looking at symmetry, patterns and investigating the properties of shapes further, such as identifying angles in shapes. We will revisit and extend our knowledge and understanding of measures and handling data. We will also be developing our problem solving skills.

Mental maths tests and times tables tests are ongoing. Your child should have a new times tables target so they know which times table they are focusing on in class however, your child should be confident in their 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables.

Science:

Our Science after half term we will be looking at 'Materials'. We will be looking a range of materials and testing their suitability and durability. We will carrying out a final test to find out if a new material is suitable for its purpose.

R.E.

We are just about to start our 'God Matters' unit 'Revelation'. We will be looking at the stories of Samuel and The Presentation of Jesus and will be looking at what we can learn from these stories. We will also be learning about the Sikh religion and their place of worship, the Gurdwara and we are hoping to visit the Gurdwra in Southsea.

P.E.

Our outside PE lessons are focusing on the skills required in net and field games. We are practising our striking and receiving skills. Our indoor gymnastic sessions are focusing on travelling, jumping, rolling, spinning showing symmetrical and asymmetrical shapes.

After half term, our outdoor PE sessions we will be developing the techniques needed in athletics such as our sprinting style, throwing style, jumping and landing styles and relays. with the ball. Our indoor sessions will be focusing on dance where each child will create a phrase of movements to convey the writing of their own name.

Please note our PE days are:

Outdoor PE- Tuesday

Indoor PE Thursday

Please note that if your child wear earrings to school, they will need to either take them out

for PE lessons or cover their earrings with micropore tape. We ask that you could provide your child with micropore tape to for hygiene reasons. Also note that after half term as it starts to become warmer your child will no longer require a tracksuit to wear for outdoor PE.

Topic– Treasure

In history we will be finding out:

- How artefacts can help us find out about the past.
- How we can use fact and opinion to create a profile about a historical person (Boudicca).
- About different historical sources.
- About famous archaeologists.

In Geography we will be learning:

- How we can learn about the past from the buildings and people in our local area
- About local archaeologists and the work they do to uncover the past
- About how we can discover buried artefacts and treasures hidden in our school grounds

In Art we will learning:

- What makes a piece of art a ‘treasure’
- Design a piece of tartan for Boudicca.

In Design and Technology we will be learning :

- How to plan and make our own historical artefacts using clay.

Homework

Both homework, spellings and times tables are ongoing. Homework is still due in on a Friday. If you child does not manage to hand their homework in on this day then they will need to complete their homework during their own time at break and lunch.

If you can, please try to listen to your child read at least three times a week and sign and comment in their reading diary. I am afraid I am going to need to start checking reading diaries to make sure children are reading at home.

Performing Arts

As you know we have already experienced a fantastic, educational drama workshop led by Mrs Amey. Year 3 are currently having drama classes with Mrs Amey on our curriculum afternoon too!

Show and Tell!

Our show and tell day will be on a Tuesday. Your child will sign up on the list in the classroom before-

hand. It is your child’s opportunity to share with us their hobbies, day trips, holidays etc. Please encourage your child to take part. Your child may only bring something in on this day if they have booked their slot in advance.

Calling all parents!

Do you have an afternoon to spare? If so we are looking for parent helpers to come in the afternoons to hear readers. It would be great if you could commit yourself to the same afternoon each week! If this is something you can do please let me know!

A Final Word

We have had a fantastic first term and all the children have worked really hard. I am looking forward to the same this term!!!

Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have any problems or concerns or if you just want to say hello. I am around most evenings after school and will be happy to speak with you.

Miss S Gardner

Dates for your diary:

**23.1.12– Class Museum in the hall 2:15pm
We would love to see you there!**

28.2.12– Fishbourne Roman Palace trip. We will be leaving early as we are travelling by train. Letter to follow soon!