



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School

Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus.

(cf John 8:12)



11th January, 2019



Dear Parents / Carers

Year 3 - Spring Term Curriculum Letter

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays! We hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas / New Year and are looking forward to the academic year ahead.

Year 3 Staff : Class Teachers: Mrs. B. Irving & Mrs. J. Cross
Educational Teaching Assistants: Mrs. K. Dudley & Mrs. C. McGee
Higher Level Teaching Assistant: Mrs. P. Hirst

Our topic this term is 'Has Greece always been in the news?'

As part of this topic, we will be studying the country Greece and looking in to reasons why people go on holiday there We will be looking at location and Greek art work.

[see Topic Plan for full details]

In **R.E.** the topics are 'Called to Change' and the 'Eucharist'. Both are important topics for understanding the Christian faith.

In **Mathematics** we will be focusing on the vital basic skills of Mathematics, in particular good recall of multiplication and related division facts. Lots of practise at home will really help pupils to embed this skill. We will practise applying arithmetic through problem solving and reasoning. We will also be focusing on measurements, telling the time using both analogue and digital and focusing on 2D and 3D shapes.

In **English** we will be carrying out lots of different writing techniques focusing on mythical creatures and legends. We will be writing stories, letters, instructions and character descriptions. We will engage in lots of discussions and learn a wide range of specific vocabulary; linking to our Greeks topic as much as we can.

In **Science** we will be investigating and learning about Forces and Magnets. We will also be investigating light and dark and looking at animals including humans. We will look at different light sources and learn why we have reflections and shadows. We will conduct some of these activities outdoors as part of our scientific investigations. Children will learn how to explain why light appears to travel in a straight line using scientific vocabulary and how this affects us seeing shadows.

Physical Education (P.E.) – is on **Tuesday afternoon** and **Friday morning**, so children must ensure their P.E. kits are in school ready to be worn on these days.

A P.E. kit consists of: a white t-shirt, blue (or black) shorts, and a pair of trainers for outdoor use, which they should leave in school. As an optional extra, a dark coloured pair of jogging trousers and a jumper can also be worn when we are outside. All P.E. kit must be labelled clearly with your child's name.

As always, the **only** jewellery permitted in school is a pair of plain small stud earrings. If your child has pierced ears, it would be much appreciated if you could remove their earrings on each morning of P.E. **Please note that staff are not able to remove them or cover them, so this will result in your child not taking part in our P.E. lesson and an alternative task will be provided for the child, this is due to health and safety reasons.** Long hair must be tied back.

- Please ensure your child has a P.E. kit in school at all times.

Homework - this will be given out on a **Friday** and **MUST** be completed and returned to school by the following **Friday morning at the latest**. Please can we emphasis all homework must be attempted or brought to school to complete with an adult if your child is struggling.

It is really important that children read regularly with an adult at home as this promotes their understanding and enjoyment of reading. Please come and speak with your child's class teacher if you require any advice as we are more than happy to help.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

All children who are baptised Catholic are now invited to join the First Reconciliation programme at Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church. You need to bring your child to Mass either on a Saturday at 18:30 or Sunday at 11:15 where you can pick up a form to complete and return to Fr. Jonathan the week after. The programme will take place on Sunday mornings at 10:15. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Saturday 16th March at 17:00.

KSII Celebration Assembly : Thursday, 24th January, 14:40 / Thursday, 7th February, 14:40 (fortnightly)

Year 3 Assemblies: Our Year 3 assembly will take place on Friday, 1st March at 14:30.

Holy Week Assembly : Our Holy Week assembly will be on Tuesday 9th April at 14:30.

Important Dates 2019

- **Friday, 1st February** - KSII Candlemas Assembly (14:15)
- **Sunday, 3rd February** – School Family Mass at Church (11:15)
- **Friday, 8th February** - Eurovision Song Contest : KSII (19:30 – 21:00)
- **Thursday, 14th February** – FofSP KSII Valentine's Disco (18:00 – 20:00)
- **Friday, 15th February – School closed for Spring half-term holidays**
- **Monday, 25th February - School re-opens**
- **Tuesday 26th February & Wednesday 27th February** – Parent Consultations
- **Friday, 1st March** - Candlemas Assembly - KSII (14:15)
- **Wednesday, 6th March** - Ash Wednesday

Additional information will be sent out with regards to the following:

- School trips, assemblies, after school clubs, etc.

We are looking forward to a very productive and fun half term.

Thank you

Mrs. B. Irving and Mrs. J. Cross
Year 3 Teachers

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Year 3 Entry Point : Look at examples of Greek art.

Exit Point : 'Life in Ancient Greece' topic day.

Science - As scientists we will be working scientifically to study and investigate:

Forces and Magnets

- forces in the context of pushing and pulling.
- friction, by exploring the movement of a toy car over different surfaces.
- magnetic materials (children will conduct an investigation into the strength of different types of magnet).

Light and dark

- We will look at sources, seeing, reflections and shadows.
- Explain how light appears to travel in straight lines and how this affects seeing and shadows.

Computing -

- We are vloggers
- We will make and share a short screencast presentation
- We are Opinion Pollsters
- We will write and conduct a survey and present our findings

Art / Design Technology – As designers we will:

- Design and produce a clay pot from ancient Greece.

Geography - As geographers we will:

- Use maps, atlases, globes and digital / computer mapping to locate Greece and surrounding countries and describe features studied.

History - As historians we will:

- Learn about the climate of Greece
- Study the ancient Greeks and what we learnt from them
- Look at tourists and why they go to Greece
- Look at what the Greeks did for us



Has Greece always been in the news ?

PE – As athletes we will:

- Play competitive games such as basketball, and apply basic principles suitable for attacking and defending.
- Continuing to develop our agility, balance and co-ordination through a range of sporting activities.
- Perform dances.

Music - As musicians we will :

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- Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts
- Improvise music using 3 notes
- Listen with attention to detail and recall sounds - echo game
- Begin to use rhythm and staff notation

English – As writers and communicators we will :

- Write stories about places we have been
- Write stories that contain mythical, legendary and historical characters
- Write adventure stories
- Write letters
- Recounts
- Persuasive writing
- Write poems that convey an image, (using simile, wordplay, rhyme and metaphor).
- Read and listen to a wide range of styles of text, including fairy stories, myths and legends including 'How to Train Your Dragon' series
- Read and listen to whole books
- Engage in meaningful discussions in all areas of the curriculum
- Listen to and learn a wide range of subject specific vocabulary.

Mathematics - As mathematicians we will :

- Recognise the place value of each digit in a 3-digit number
- Read and write numerals to 100 in numbers and words
- Count from 0 in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100 and estimate numbers
- Add and subtract numbers mentally including 3-digit numbers and units, tens and hundreds
- Solve problems including missing numbers and place value and more complex addition and subtraction
- Use and recall multiplication and division facts for 3, 4 and 8 times tables
- Be able to multiply a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number
- Solve problems including missing numbers involving multiplication and division
- Learn to measure, compare and add and subtract lengths
- Learn how to measure the perimeter of simple 2D shapes
- Learn to draw 2D shapes and make 3D shapes using models and materials
- Learn how to tell the time using digital and analogue .

R.E. - As theologians we will learn about **Jesus the Teacher**

- Jesus was born into a Jewish family and find out about the story of the presentation in the Temple.
 - Jesus attended synagogue as a child and as an adult read the Torah.
- Called to Change**
- Jesus called people to change and reflect on how Jesus calls us to change.
 - Know that Lent is a time to change Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent.

PSHCE - we will be looking at friendships and getting on with each other.

- We will focus on ourselves and why it is good to be me.
- We will be doing this through drama, reflective time in class, whole class discussions and art work.