



Autumn Term Newsletter – 2021

Year 3

Welcome:

On behalf of Sacred Heart I welcome you back to a new school year. I am really looking forward to getting to know your children more over the course of the year, assisting them to achieve their goals and also developing their character strengths such as confidence and resilience.

As your child is now in Key Stage Two, they will take part in the afternoon topic carousel. Different teachers will visit Y3 each afternoon to share their specialist subject. Mrs Delargy – Science, Mrs Woodward – Art / Music, Mrs Rabbani – PE and I will teach the class History and Geography.

Please help your child with reading using the 'Bug Club' information which was sent out about this time last year. There has been no changing of passwords or usernames. If you are unsure or having issues with logging in please contact the school office and we can support you with this. Weekly spellings will be sent home, again please help your child learn these. They will be tested on a Monday. There will be homework that will be assigned for your child to complete to reinforce areas taught in English and Maths.

Maths: This half term we will be focussing on:

- * recognising the place value of each digit in three-digit numbers, and compose and decompose three-digit numbers using standard and non-standard partitioning
- * counting in multiples of 2,3,4,5 and 10
- * securing fluency in addition and subtraction facts that bridge 10, through continued practice
- * add and subtract mentally where digits sum to more than 10

You can support your child by:

- * practising the above times tables using TT Rockstars
- * practise key number bonds to 10, 20, 50 and 100

Writing: Our books this half Dragon Post by Emma Yarlett and Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kiamura. This half term we will be focussing on:

- * identifying nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs and using them to extend basic sentences
- * identifying features of a letter and writing our own
- * use adjectives and similes to write descriptions
- * learning spelling strategies including prefixes, suffixes, homophones and phase 5/6 phonics

You can support your child by:

- * practising weekly spellings with your child
- * write a letter to a member of the family using the main features

Reading: This half term we will be focussing on:

- * making predictions about the texts we read using a range of sentence stems to help
- * ask questions to improve understanding of text
- * attempt pronunciation of new words and find meaning of them

You can support your child by:

- * listening to your child and complete reading record
- * read and complete comprehension on 'Bug Club'

Religious Education: This half term our RE topic is The Family topic called 'Home' we will be focusing on:

- * God's vision for every family within the home
- * The Holy Family; Mary, Joseph and Jesus
- * That prayer helps us to remember that God is always with us

You can support your child by:

- * sharing pictures and having conversations about your wider family

French: This half term our topic is animals: we will be focussing on:

- * introducing and describing animals
- * learning the names of animals' homes

You can support your child by:

- * watch some YouTube videos with your child based on French animal names / songs

History: The theme is Stone Age- Iron Age and we will be focussing on:

- * what do people need in order to survive? How did life improve from the Stone Age to the Iron Age?
- * how did people feed themselves in the Stone Age?
- * how was the Iron Age different from the Stone Age?

You can support your child by:

- * books such as History Detective Investigates the Stone Age to the Iron Age and Stone Age Boy
- * visiting websites such as <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z82hsbk>

Computing: The theme is coding and we will be focussing on:

- * designing algorithms using flowcharts
- * using selection in coding with the 'if' command
- * using variables in 2code

You can support your child by:

- * logging onto Purple Mash and completing 2code challenges

Science: The theme is Keeping Healthy and we will be focussing on:

- * identifying that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition
- * identifying that animals, including humans get nutrition from what they eat
- * identifying that humans and some animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

You can support your child by:

- * looking at and discussing nutrition labels on foods during shopping trips
- * allowing them to help prepare food at meal times
- * keeping a food diary

RHSE: The children will be focussing on: Journey in Love

- * covering the 4 stages of Journey in Love
- * focusing on how we live in love

You can support your child by:

- * discuss what we mean by love and how we treat each other

PE/Sport: The theme is Dance and we will be focussing on:

- * following basic steps to music
- * creating a sequence of moves to a chosen piece of music linked to Stone Age
- * working in small groups to create a section of the dance

You can support your child by:

- * creating a sequence to a piece of music
- * have a go at 'Just dance' on YouTube

The Arts: The theme is What's for Lunch and we will be focussing on:

- * talking about a range of still life paintings and drawings of food and giving a justified personal preference
- * developing drawing techniques including using different media such as pencil, charcoal, chalk and oil pastels
- * creating a silk painting from our observational drawings

You can support your child by:

- * encouraging them to draw at home – the local bargain shops usually have a plentiful supply of pencils, coloured pencils, chalks and oil pastels
- * searching for portraits by artists such as Giacomo Arcimboldo, Georgia O'Keefe and Caravaggio