



Spring Term Newsletter – 2022

Year 3

Welcome:

On behalf of Sacred Heart I wish you all the best for 2022. I hope that you have all had a restful Christmas break and are ready for an exciting term ahead. This term starts with a range of missions from our Commando Joes programme. The children greatly enjoy these missions as they help to promote, as well as, practise the character strengths of resilience, empathy, self-awareness, positivity, excellence, communication and teamwork. These missions are also very engaging and link to many aspects of the curriculum. The missions this term is all linked to the explorer Ernest Shackleton.

This newsletter will inform you on what your child is learning this term and ways in which you can support our curriculum at home. As always reading is of a high priority. Please encourage your child to read as often as possible. This really helps all of our curriculum as it is through reading where we learn new words, develop our curiosity and also assists the child in seeing links between subjects. There will be homework assigned for your child to complete to reinforce areas taught in English and Maths as well as the usual spelling homework. All homework will be uploaded as usual onto your child's Google Classroom account.

Maths: This half term we will be focussing on: Multiplication and Division

- * Multiplication and division facts. We will be reviewing our knowledge of the 2, 4 and 8 times tables, comparing statements and developing our mental methods when solving problems involving multiplication and division.
- * Multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number with an exchange.
- * Completing division problems involving remainders.
- * Solving problems involving scaling.

You can support your child by:

- * Practising the above times tables using TT Rockstars.
- * Practising your division skills using equipment at home (such as pasta shells, lego bricks etc). Challenge yourself using remainders.

Writing: Our book this half is the 'Egyptian Cinderella' by Shirley Climo. This half term we will be focussing on:

- * Identifying comparative conjunctions when writing descriptions of the key characters.
- * Creating a story board to show all the action points in the story in regard to the Pharaoh.
- * Using paragraphing to structure a piece of writing.
- * Using verbs to mark relationships in time.

You can support your child by:

- * Practising weekly spellings with your child
- * Writing a summary of a book that you have shared together, using 3 key words from the text/story.

Reading: This half term we will be focussing on:

- * Making predictions about the texts we read using a range of sentence stems to help.
- * Asking questions to improve understanding of text
- * Attempting pronunciation of new words and find meaning of them.

You can support your child by:

- * When reading together discuss key elements of a chapter or few pages that have been read. Summarise and suggest a prediction. Any unfamiliar words use a dictionary or online dictionary to ensure understanding.

Religious Education: This half term our RE topic is The Church topic called 'Journeys'. We will be focusing on:

- * The journey of the year. Discussing seasons and what is special about each season of the year in regards to nature, school life and events, community and home events and occasions in Church.
- * We will then look at the Liturgical Year and why specific colours are used to represent key points in the Church's year.

You can support your child by:

- * Creating a memory jar to show the key points of the year.

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

- * Stating subjects in French and learning the names of equipment found in the classroom.
- * Creating sentences in French using the key words and phrases learnt.

You can support your child by:

- * Watching some YouTube videos with your child based on French school time / songs.

History: The theme is Ancient Civilisation with the main study on the Ancient Egyptians. We will be focussing on:

- * Where in the world were these civilisations?
- * What did these civilisations achieve? Are there any similarities between them?
- * Who were the Ancient Egyptians and what did they achieve?

You can support your child by:

- * Books such as History Detective Investigates the Ancient Egyptians. The local library has a great selection of books. Also, Bolton Museum is worth a visit.

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

- * Understanding the language within creating a Database.
- * Completing and creating a simple branching database.

You can support your child by:

- * Logging onto Purple Mash and completing 2branch Challenges.

Science: The theme is Magnetism and we will be focussing on:

- * Understanding how magnetic fields work.
- * Understanding the impact of the Earth behaving like a magnet itself.
- * Understanding the importance of magnetism when it comes to new inventions and innovation.

You can support your child by:

- * Looking for everyday objects that use magnets as part of their design.

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:

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

P.E/Sport: The theme is Ball Skills and we will be focussing on:

- * Developing accuracy and consistency when tracking a ball.
- * Exploring a variety of throwing techniques.
- * Catching with one and two hands as well as dribbling with feet and hands.

You can support your child by:

- * Practising catching and throwing techniques with different types of balls.
- * <https://www.getset4pe.co.uk/ResourceBank/ResourceCategory/100>

The Arts: The theme is Exploring and Designing Typography and we will be focussing on:

- * Exploring the creation of the letters of a typeface in an intuitive and fun way
- * Thinking about the structure and design of letters as having personalities
- * Taking starting points from observational drawing
- * Developing graphic onomatopoeia

You can support your child by:

- * Collecting examples of different typefaces from magazines and newspapers and use them to create a collage of your family's names