



ST LAURENCE CHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

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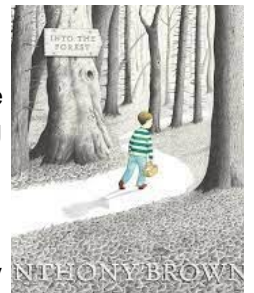
We can't believe how quickly the first half term has flown by! Year 3 have settled well into the routines of the Junior School and we'd like to thank you for your support with the transition. Children really enjoyed their first topic of 'Scavengers and Settlers' and our science work on rocks and soils.

Maths

Our focus in Maths this term will be addition and subtraction skills, and multiplication and division. Times tables and number bonds are also vital in all areas of maths, so children will be encouraged to recall facts and tables quickly. By the end of year three, children are expected to know their 3,4 and 8 times tables as well as the 2,5 and 10 times tables from year 2. By the end of year 4, pupils need to know all of their tables (up to 12) and will sit the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) which is a government initiative. To aid your child with this, it would be helpful if you could help them at home with learning the rapid recall of the times tables. Please encourage your child to access their Times Tables Rock Stars account.

English

In English this half term, we will be focusing on 'Into The Forest' By Anthony Browne. We will be writing a narrative, using speech and focusing on fairy tales. We will continue to send spelling homework out each week.



Reading

Children will continue to have a daily class reading session and will read with their teacher every week. During our reading sessions, we not only listen for fluency in reading but also make sure the children understand what is happening in the text. The understanding of the text is what we will judge the reading on, not just the ability to read. Please continue to encourage your children to read at home as they are rewarded a 'smiley' face for reading 3 times a week. Please initial their entries to show that you have heard or seen them read. We welcome your comments about their reading in their diaries too. Children can also record additional books read in their reading diaries. Don't forget this can include books from home.

Homework

Now the children have been with us for a half term, they will be following the rest of the school with the pieces of homework that is given to them. Each week they will need to:

- Read at least 3 times a week and write one comment in their records (it can be about ANY book)
- Complete the weekly spelling task
- Complete a piece of English homework
- Complete a piece of Maths homework

Atom homework will be used this half term for English and Maths homework. Your child will have their Atom username and password stuck into their English Homework book to help them log in. Please ask if you are unsure about logging in etc. The website is: <https://app.atomlearning.com> Some children may be given paper homework instead of Atom.



curriculum

Geography

Our Geography unit for this half term is Food Glorious Food. During this unit the children will be learning all about where our food comes from, what a balanced diet is and why humans need the food we eat. We will also be tasting different types of fruits and vegetables. Our inspiration day will be on **Friday 7th November**. We will be dressing up as either waiters / waitresses or as our favourite foods (t-shirts with food pictures etc) or colours of favourite food. A food tasting consent form is available on Arbor. Please complete the form to give consent for your child to take part in the food tasting activity and to inform us of any allergies or dietary requirements. Children will also be making a fruit turn over!



French

We will be teaching the children how to speak French. This half term we will be introducing greetings and asking how someone is as well as asking what someone's name is.

R.E.

Our RE focus will be on 'Incarnation' and, of course, the Christmas story. Year 3 lead our Christmas Collective Worship and we have planned to show this to parents on 16th December (2:30pm) and 17th December (9:00am).

P.E.

PE will continue to take place every week. Please see the information below for when your child's PE sessions will be.

3H Swimming every Monday until the end of this half term.

3M Dance and Basketball— Wednesday

3W Dance and Basketball— Wednesday

Design and Technology

We will be looking at foods that are in season and will be cooking as well!

Computing

During Computing lesson we will explore how to log onto the laptops. We will be looking at computer systems and networks and how they all work together.

School uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. Children need to be wearing a V-neck jumper, a shirt and a tie. Can we also remind you that children should be wearing shoes and not boots to school. As the winter weather approaches, children can walk to school in boots / wellingtons but **MUST** have their school shoes to changes into when they arrive in school. As it gets colder, it is also important that your child comes to school with a coat. Long hair should also be tied back and for PE / swimming, earrings will need to be removed or covered.

DIARY DATES

7th November –Year 3 Inspiration day

7th November– Anti-bullying home-work out

10th—14th November - Anti-bullying week

Monday 10th November—Individual photos

11th November - Parents' Evening 3:45 -6:15

13th November—Parents' Evening 4:30 -7:00

Friday 14th November - School closed for INSET

Week beginning 17th November— Interfaith week.

Friday 21st November 2:30 Interfaith exhibition for parents

Tuesday 2nd December 9:15am - Yr 3/4 Advent Service in Church

Friday 12th December Christmas Fair

Christmas Y3 Collective Worship – 16th pm and 17th am

Friday 19th December am - Christmas Panto Red Riding Hood

Last day of term

With thanks, the Year 3 Team.