



# ST LAURENCE CHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Issue 4

## Year 3 News

Welcome back!

Welcome back. We can't believe that it is already half way through the school year. As always, the last half term was a busy one but the children all seemed to thoroughly enjoy the *Romans* and learnt a lot about the past. They particularly enjoyed our visit from Professor McGinty! Chester Zoo was also a fantastic day out as well with everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves.



### Maths

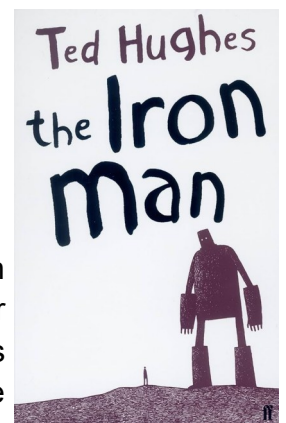
This half term we will be continuing to cover the National Curriculum, looking at:

- Fractions
- Mass and Capacity

As always we encourage children to continue to practise their times tables. Children should be secure in their times tables both in and out of order and answer with speed and accuracy. By the end of year 3, the children need to be able to recall the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables.

### English

The book focus for this half term will be 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. The children will be focusing on using inverted commas for a conversation between the characters and retelling part of the story.



### 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. Books are changed on Wednesdays for each class in year 3.

Please continue to encourage your children to read at home as they are rewarded a 'smiley' face for three entries or signatures in their diaries every 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. Please make sure that reading books are in school each day as we do sometimes have volunteers who come in to hear children read.



# Curriculum

## Curriculum Overview

### Geography

Our new topic for this half term is 'Going Places'. During this topic, we will be locating the world's countries with a main focus on Europe. We will be finding out about the world's mountains and types of settlements. Our inspiration day will be Friday 27th February. We will not be dressing up for this day. School uniform to be worn please.

### Science

In Science, we will be looking at plants and finding out what plants need to survive.

### R.E.

In RE, our focus will be Salvation and the Easter story. We will also be planning a visit to St Brigid's Church—more details to follow!

### P.S.H.E (Jigsaw)

Our Jigsaw theme is 'Healthy Me' which includes keeping ourselves safe, keeping healthy and how amazing our body is.

### P.E.

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

3M- Swimming every Monday

3H- Dance and Basketball (Friday)

3W- OAA (Outdoor and Adventurous Activities) and Athletics (Thursday)

### Computing

Children will be using Scratch to program and design characters on ipads.

### 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. If the winter weather continues, children can walk to school in boots / wellingtons but must have their school shoes to change into when they arrive in school. As it is still cold outside, 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.

**With thanks, the Year 3 Team.**



### DIARY DATES

Inspiration day:

Friday 27th February

Ash Wednesday service:

Tuesday 24th February

World book day:

Thursday 5th March

Lenten Disco:

Monday 16th March

Year 3 to lead Lenten project (Lunchtimes)

W.C. 16th March

Walkathon:

Friday 20th March

Parents' evening:

Tuesday 24th March 3:45—6:15

Thursday 26th March 4:30—7:00

Easter service:

Tuesday 24th March

Break up for Easter

Friday 27th March