

Year 3 Autumn Term Newsletter.



Welcome to Year Three! We hope that you have enjoyed your summer. This information sheet will give a broad outline of the work your child will be undertaking this term. We hope you will find it useful. If you have any queries, please see your child's class teacher. In our teaching, we make cross-curricular links with other subjects to not only enhance and embed the children's learning, but also for their enjoyment.

MATHEMATICS: In Maths we will be learning place value and ordering numbers. We will also be learning about addition and subtraction strategies as well as measure and time.

ENGLISH: In our writing lessons and whole class reading lessons we will begin by reading Stone Age Boy followed by Stone Girl Bone Girl. Year 3 will be using these texts to write stories based on this book. This will tie in with our learning about ancient Britain in History and rocks and soils in Science. After half term, we will be reading Hodgeheg, a story written by Dick King Smith, and learning about fables.

SCIENCE: We will be developing our investigative skills to explore the characteristics of rocks and soils, and later, learning about magnets.

TOPIC: In history, we will be developing our understanding of ancient Britain. We will learn about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

R.E: The children will be learning about the Church and characters in the Christmas story. We will also be practising our Christmas service which will be presented to the rest of the school and parents at the end of the autumn term.

R.H.E: This is an opportunity to ease the transition of the children into Year 3 and consider how new beginnings are a part of life and how we can best deal with the mixed emotions we feel at these times. Later in the term, we will be thinking about keeping and staying safe and being aware of hazards, including online which will link with our E-safety learning in computing.

ART: We will be creating art based on our work studying ancient Britain including cave art.

P.E.: In outdoor P.E, the children will be learning skills and strategies in football. While in indoor P.E, the children will be developing their coordination skills. The Children should come to school in their P.E. kit. We would encourage children to wear a tracksuit for outdoor games during colder periods.

PE kits consist of navy or black shorts/ jogging bottoms and white or red t-shirt or polo shirt and jumper. Children are able to wear trainers on their PE days.

Beech class

Tuesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor)

Willow class

Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor)

Poplar Class

Monday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor)

HOMEWORK:

Homework will begin the week beginning the 18th September.

On Monday 18th September, children will receive one homework book that they can complete their times table and spelling homework in.

Homework will be given out and collected as follows:

Spellings (to be completed in homework book) – Set on a Monday and due in on a Friday.

Children will complete a spelling pre-test on the Monday to see which words they already know and which words they need to practise. A spelling test will then be done on Friday to see how the children get on.

Times tables (to be completed in homework book) - Set on a Monday and due in on a Friday.

Homework will be fully explained to parents/carers on the information evening so that you can support your child at home.

Chrome Books: At Holy Trinity, each child will have a chrome book. Parents/carers will be asked to complete an acceptable use policy (AUP) and also make a voluntary contribution of £10 per term towards the chrome book cost. Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

Chromebooks will slowly be introduced to the children in year 3 teaching them how to log onto the Chromebook, how to use google classroom and how to use Doodle Maths and Accelerated Reader. The AUP must be signed by parents (at home) and children (in school) before Chromebook can go home.

Once children understand how to use the Chrome books and they have been issued to go home, the children will be given Maths homework based on Doodle Maths. Doodle Maths (online) – will be set on a Monday and will be due in the following Monday.

READING DIARIES: The children have already been given a reading diary so that they can record their daily reading. At Holy Trinity, we encourage children to write a comment about what they have read. Children are asked to read every night with an adult for at least 10 minutes, and are also encouraged to read independently at home.

Please record reads into the diary at least 5 times a week. This can be done by an adult or your child.

Accelerated reader: At Holy Trinity, we use an online reading programme called Accelerated Reader, which children can access on their Chromebooks. During the first week back, children will take an online reading assessment. This will give each child a reading range (ZPD). Children will then be able to select books from this range to read and complete quizzes. The quizzes will be based on the book they have read and are designed to check their understanding of the text. Please ensure that your child brings in their reading book and reading diaries in every day. Children should be bringing home a reading book that is within their reading range, the week beginning the 18th September.

TIMES TABLES: Parents should practise times tables with their child as often as possible. Each week, children will be asked to practise a set times table. This work should be completed in their homework book. In KS1 the children learn the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. In year 3, the children will learn the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Doodle maths: At Holy Trinity, we use an online maths programme called Doodle maths. Children will complete a doodle maths baseline assessment which will give them an individual course pathway. Children will 'doodle' every day at school and will have doodle maths homework to complete at home.

CONTACT: Teachers are usually available for quick queries at the end of the school day. Please write any notes in your child's reading journal and ask your child to show this to their teacher at the start of the school day. If a matter needs a longer discussion, please write to your child's teacher to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Year 3 information evening is on Tuesday 19th September. Please make every effort to attend the open evening as this will give you the opportunity to find out more about year 3 routines and ask any questions that you may have.

We hope that your child continues to settle in quickly and enjoys their first term at Holy Trinity. We will do our best to ensure this.