

Year Three
Class Information
2023-2024
Lent Term One



St Joseph's Catholic Primary
School and Nursery

Welcome back!

We hope that you had a fabulous Christmas break with lots of rest so that you are prepared for another busy term. Together with Mrs Tsang and Mrs Gill, we will continue to support you with your progress in your journey in Year Three so you may continue to grow in love, in the spirit of Christ for the benefit of all and enjoying the St Joseph's way of life.

Topics this half-term

In the first half of the term, we have lots of exciting learning taking place, starting with our amazing 'Gods&Mortals' topic, where we will be learning all about geography of Greece, specifically Athens and how this compares to Nottingham. Below is an overview of our other topics. We will also be learning our traditional prayers; 'Hail Mary', 'Our Father' and the 'Glory Be'.

English	Maths	RE	Science	
Fantasy narrative based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Grammatical features; direct speech and reporting verbs.	Subtraction including: - ones and tens from a 3-digit number - two 3-digit numbers Multiplication including: - 3, 4 and 8 times tables - 2-digit by 1-digit	Journeys - 'Is life a journey' Listening & Sharing - 'What is so important about listening and sharing?'	Forces & Magnets - what a force is, pushes and pulls, friction, how magnets have two poles and that they attract and repel, a magnets magnetic field.	
Geography		D&T	Computing	PE
Gods & Mortals with a focus on; locating the countries and capital cities of Europe, comparisons between Athens and Nottingham, human and physical features of Athens and Nottingham, trade and settlements.		Electrical posters - children will create a poster with an electric circuit behind it to identify a key point.	Coding - what a flowchart is, click events and timers can be added to a program, nesting and debugging.	Football Dance - based on Matilda

Topic Launch

We will launch the historical element of our Gods & Mortals topic after the half term break on Monday 19th February by dressing up as a Greek God or Goddess. Please note, you do not have to go and buy a costume, one can be made from an old bed sheet and a piece of rope/belt.

Marvellous Me

Regular updates will be sent via Marvellous Me. This includes details of activities and lessons over the week, reward badges, reminders and documents such as homework.

Upcoming Trips

There are now no planned trips for Year 3 until the sleepover at Twycross Zoo in the summer term. This is bookable via Arbor and small contributions can be paid until nearer to the date of the trip.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday (to allow time for marking, feedback and setting the following week's homework.) Children should hand in their reading records on a Friday for monitoring. Please where possible, make any comments/sign to say children have read at least once a week. Children should be reading for pleasure. Therefore, this does not have to be the book given to them from school.

Spelling Test

Spelling lessons are completed as part of our weekly literacy activities and therefore the spellings will be issued after Monday's lesson. There is a practice spelling sheet which children can either bring home or complete as part of their morning activity.

A spelling test will usually take place on a Friday.

PE kits

This half term, PE will take place indoors on a Monday (dance) and outdoors on a Thursday (continuation of football). However, I would suggest that children have their PE kit in school all week in case there needs to be any last minute changes. PE kit should consist of a white pe top with dark shorts/jogging bottoms. Please ensure there is no jewellery worn on PE days and if earrings need to be taped, plasters/tape should be supplied from home.

I look forward to what the following academic year holds. If you ever have any questions, please come and talk to us at the start or end of the day.

Many thanks,

Miss McLeod 😊