



Term: Spring 1
2018
Year group: 3

Information for parents

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas break. We wish you and your family a happy and blessed New Year. We are hoping you had a very peaceful and enjoyable time with your families and friends and that your children are rested, recharged and ready for learning!

As the new year brings resolutions, personal goals and renewed focus, this is a perfect time to remind your child of their targets and areas to improve with their learning. Please support them in achieving these goals by encouraging them to develop their learning behaviours. The 8 learning behaviours we focus on at school are:

- Not giving up
- Being curious
- Having a go
- Co-operating
- Enjoying learning
- Improving
- Using your imagination
- Concentrating

Good News for Families

Along with encouraging your child in their learning journey, it is also a very good time for them to reflect and focus on their *spiritual journey*. As mentioned in the *Wednesday Word for Advent and Christmas* (in reference to the Gospel of Sunday 7th January 2018-Matthew 2:1-12 'The Feast of the Epiphany'):

"What guided the wise men to Jesus? On Sunday 7th January 2018, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany. We remember how the wise men from the East were guided to Jesus. *Ask your child what the word 'guidance' means to them. Who guides them through life to make sensible and wise choices? Who or what guides you on your journey through life?* The wise men in the Gospel were guided by a star but since the birth of Jesus we no longer need stars to guide us. Just as the wise men discovered-Jesus is the way: the way to happiness, to truth and to eternal life....

As we journey through life to God, we need good guidance to help us along the way. If you haven't already started, why not resolve to head into 2018 on a spiritual journey as a family-to be guided by God? Just like the wise men, you may be delighted with what you discover."

Here is a brief outline of what your child will be learning about this half term.

Subject	Coverage	Suggestions as to how you can support learning at home
Literacy	We are reading ' Charlie and the Chocolate Factory ' by Roald Dahl. Children will write a newspaper article and non-chronological report on how chocolate is made.	Look at different newspaper articles and discuss the features and layout.
Numeracy	We will continue working on Multiplication and Division. We will work on continuing to strengthen our skills in the 3, 4 and 8 times table, as well as learn how to multiply and divide 2-digit number by 3-digit numbers. Later in the term we will look at money and statistics.	Continue to practise the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables at home, as children should be confident in these by the end of Year 3. Access Mathletics with your child and discuss the questions together. Use maths in practical settings such as shopping and handling money.
RE	Our main topic this half-term will be Journeys - the journey through the liturgical year. Just before half-term we will move on to Listening and Sharing - both with each other and with God.	In the New Year newspapers often have pages of the significant events of the past year. Using pictures and text make a glossy magazine page of the Church family's celebrations of the previous year. Talk about the Eucharist and the importance of it.
Science	This term's focus is on Forces and Magnets . Children will compare how different things move on different surfaces. They	Explore the local library and find a book about magnets. Go on BBC Bitesize website and let your child watch

	will be able to identify magnetic materials.	videos or do quizzes on magnets and forces.
Topic	The Mayans. We will be learning about where the Mayans came from, their religion and culture, what they ate, their writing system and how they ultimately declined as a civilisation.	Read books and watch TV shows and video clips about the Mayans at home. Use the BBC Bitesize link below to explore Mayan civilisation more. https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zsdrqty
Computing	We will be using ICT throughout the curriculum to aid with research and presentation skills. We will also use Mathletics throughout the year.	Allow your child access to Mathletics weekly. Research the Mayans and Forces and magnets online and create a presentation that includes learnt facts.
PE	<p>This term Y3 will be going swimming. Depending on your child's current swimming ability they will learn the following:</p> <p>Basic Water Skills - how to enter the exit the pool safely, movement through the pool and water confidence; putting their face in the water, various types of floating, rolling and gliding.</p> <p>Stroke Technique - Introducing and developing their body position, kicking and pulling techniques in front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly (where appropriate). Improving their timing of the strokes and their breathing technique.</p>	
Music	<p>This half term we will be continuing to develop knowledge of the elements of music, particularly notes (melodies), chords and texture; we will be looking at the music of the 18th century and learning to distinguish between the baroque and classical periods in music; and pulling these skills together to further develop song-writing skills.</p>	
Italian	We will be learning the Italian for numbers to 20, school equipment, colours, instructions in class (write, draw, listen, colour), birthdays (days of the week and months of the year).	<p>Encourage your child to speak Italian throughout the week at home. Ask them about new vocabulary they have learnt in Italian.</p> <p>A useful resource you to use at home is the free website: http://www.education.vic</p>

Where possible we like to take the children out of school, or invite visitors in to speak to the children to enrich their learning. This half term we are visiting **The Tower of London to learn how a Catholic priest escaped it in Tudor England. 3C and 3P: 7th February 2018.**

All teachers at Sacred Heart School follow the homework policy. In year 3 we will follow this homework timetable:

Subject	Handed out	Due in on	How you can help
English (Reading Comprehension)	Wednesday	Monday	Read through the text with your child, ask them questions on the text, encourage them to identify the answer in the text using their finger.
Maths- Linked to learning for that week.	Wednesday	Monday	Encourage practising number facts, times tables, mental arithmetic and Mathletics
Spellings	Wednesday	Tuesday test	Read, write, check at home. Spelling Test dates: Week 1: 9/1/18 Week 2: 16/1/18 Week 3: 23/1/18 Week 4: 30/1/18 Week 5: 6/2/18
Reading record	2/3 stickers to respond to throughout week in reading record.		Listen to your child reading and support them when answering the question stickers.

PE is an essential part of the curriculum. We are lucky enough to have specialist teachers and coaches. Please send your child in with his or her PE kit on Monday, and leave it at school until Friday. Please remember that the school rule is that if your child is unable to participate in PE owing to sickness, then they are not well enough to come to school.

PE days for Year 3 is Tuesday.

Please remember to remove your child's earrings on a Tuesday

The before and after school clubs this term are:

CLUBS TIMETABLE-SPRING 1					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Session	BREAKFAST CLUB FOOTBALL CLUB (8.00-8.50AM) (Y4/5/6)	BREAKFAST CLUB CHOIR (8:15-8:50am)		BREAKFAST CLUB	BREAKFAST CLUB FOOTBALL CLUB (8.00-8.50AM) (Y1/2/3)
After School	ORCHESTRA (RK) (Selected pupils) RUNNING CLUB (3.30-4.30PM)	SCIENCE CLUB* (KS2 3.30-4.30PM-Mrs Sedda) Italian* (AB) (3.30-4.30pm) COMPUTING* (ES- Old ICT Suite- 3.30-4.25pm) MULTI-SPORT CLUB Y1/2/3 (3.30-4.30PM) GYMNASTICS*** (3.30-4.30pm)	CRAFT CLUB* (D.M-Hall) FOOTBALL LEAGUE (3.30-5.30PM) BASKETBALL CLUB Y4/5/6 (3.30-4.30PM) SQUASH CLUB**	SCIENCE CLUB* (KS1 3.30-4.30PM-Mrs Sedda) MULTI-SPORT CLUB Y4/5/6 (3.30-4.30PM) CHOIR (JC-3.30-4.30pm) COMPUTING* (ES- Old ICT Suite- 3.30-4.25pm) GYMNASTICS*** (3.30-4.30pm)	ATHLETICS CLUB Y4/5/6 (3.30-4.30PM) GIRLS FOOTBALL Y4/5/6 (3.30-4.30PM) HOMEWORK CLUB** (JB-3:30-4:40PM)

Please note that sports clubs costs now vary. Please refer to Parent Mail or the school office for more information.

* Those marked with an asterix are run by outside providers and their charges also vary. Refer to club letters or speak to the provider or school office for more details.

** Those marked with a double asterix are free.

***Gymnastics is a private club. Please refer to Precision Gymnastics club letter handed out to classes or contact Michelle Nicholls directly at Precision School www.precisionschoolofballet.com

Details of all clubs can also be found in the newsletters, on our website or by asking the school office.

Please feel free to make an appointment with your child's class teacher at any time should you wish to discuss progress, attainment or welfare.

Kind regards,
Mrs Parker, Mr Collier and the Year 3 team