



Term: Spring 1 2020  
Year group: 3

## Information for parents

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new year and a new decade! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and we wish you and your family a happy and blessed 2020. 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 5<sup>th</sup> January 2019-Matthew 2:1-12 'The Feast of the Epiphany'):

**We can ask the Lord to grant us the gift of wisdom (Pope Francis).**

"Who followed the star to Bethlehem? In Sunday's Gospel (5<sup>th</sup> January), **we see wisdom in action**. Because of their closeness to God, the wise men from the East knew not to return to Herod, who really wanted to kill the child Jesus. **Wisdom is a gift from God and helps us to see things more clearly and make the right choices in life**. Just like the wise men in the Gospel, our families can also be filled with wisdom, if we stay close to God."

*Ask your child what the word 'wisdom' means to them. Who do they know to be a wise person? What makes a person wise?*

**Wisdom shows itself by doing good." (St James)**

"True **wisdom** is discovering what God wants us to do, **then trying our best to do it**. It's about using knowledge well - having good judgement. Each of you choose a way in which you will try to **grow in God's wisdom** as we begin this new year. Perhaps it is through: reading the gospels together; not rushing when making decisions; learning Church teaching; praying together and asking God for the gift of wisdom; listening carefully to wise parents, teachers and other wise people.

*Dear Lord Jesus,*

*As we start this new year, please help us to grow in wisdom and to be wise enough to guide others to you too.*

*Amen*

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  |
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| English   | We will be reading ' <b>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</b> ' 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.<br>Have a look online at any helpful video clips of how chocolate gets from the "bean to the bar".  |
| Maths     | 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.<br><br>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.<br><br>Access Mathletics with your child and discuss the questions together.<br><br>Use maths in practical settings such as shopping and handling money. |
| RE        | Our main topic this half-term will be <b>Journeys</b> - the journey through the liturgical year.<br><br>Just before half-term we will move on to <b>Listening and Sharing</b> - 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.<br>Talk about the Eucharist and the importance of it.                                 |
| Science   | This term's focus is on <b>Forces and Magnets</b> . Children will compare how different things move on different surfaces. They will be able to identify magnetic materials.  | Explore the local library and find a book about magnets.<br>Go on BBC Bitesize website and let your child watch videos or do quizzes on magnets and forces.   |
| History   | The Mayans.<br>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.<br>Use the BBC Bitesize link below to explore Mayan civilisation more.<br><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zsdrqty">https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zsdrqty</a>                                 |
| Computing | We will be using ICT throughout the curriculum to aid with research and presentation skills. We will also use Mathletics throughout   | Download and explore some of the following apps:<br>Scratch Junior, Daisy the Dinosaur, Hopscotch, Kodable as well as iMotion, Morpho, Puppet Pals, Explain Everything and  |

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|         | the year.   | Book Creator. 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   | This half term we will be continuing to record our Winter Sound Collage, and then we will start learning the basics of playing the violin.  |   |
| 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), To know the house: rooms & prepositions, shops and items and Know some aspects of Italian Culture (Holidays and Festivals)  |   |

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

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<br>(Reading Comprehension)       | Wednesday   | Monday       | Read through the text with your child, ask them questions on the text and 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 | <p>Read, write, and check at home.</p> <p>Spelling Test dates:<br/> Week 1: 14/01/20<br/> Week 2: 21/01/20<br/> Week 3: 28/01/20<br/> Week 4: 04/02/20<br/> Week 5: 11/09/20</p> |
| Reading record                           | 2-3 stickers to respond to throughout week in reading record. |              | Listen to your child reading for 20 minutes each day, and support them when answering the question stickers.   |

Each class will perform one class assembly this year along with two open class sessions (as a year group), where your child will have an opportunity to share their learning with you.

**Assembly date for class 3M - 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**Assembly date for class 3N - 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

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 are Monday & Tuesday afternoons (Swimming)**

**Please remember to remove your child's earrings on a Monday & Tuesday.**

The before and after school clubs this term are:

| CLUBS TIMETABLE-SPRING 1 2020 |   |  |  |  |   |
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|                               | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  |
| Morning Session               | <b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b><br><br><b>FOOTBALL CLUB</b><br><b>Y4/5/6</b><br><b>8.00-8.50AM</b><br><b>(£30)</b>  | <b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b><br><br><b>CHOIR</b><br><b>(8:15-8:50am)</b>  | <b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b>  | <b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b>  | <b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b><br><br><b>FOOTBALL CLUB</b><br><b>Yr 1/2/3</b><br><b>8.00-8.50AM</b><br><b>(£30)</b>  |
| After School                  | <b>ORCHESTRA (RK)</b><br><b>(Selected pupils only)</b><br><br><b>RUNNING CLUB</b><br><b>Yrs 2/3/4/5/6</b><br><b>3.30-4.30PM</b><br><b>(£20)</b> | <b>Italian**)</b><br><b>(3.30-4.30pm)</b><br><u><b>Start date TBC-</b></u><br><u><b>Limited Numbers</b></u><br><br><b>Girls Multi-Skills</b><br><b>Yrs 3/4/5/6</b><br><b>3:30pm-4:30pm</b><br><b>(£30)</b><br><br><b>SWIMMING CLUB</b><br><b>Yrs 4/5/6-selection only-£65</b><br><b>5:30pm-6:30pm</b><br><b>(Selected pupils only)</b><br><br><b>GYMNASTICS*</b><br><b>(3.30-4.30pm)</b> | <b>CRAFT CLUB*</b><br><b>(D.M-Hall)</b><br><br><b>COOKING CLUB*</b><br><b>3:30pm-5:30pm</b><br><b>(Mrs Rodrigues)</b><br><br><b>FOOTBALL LEAGUE (AO)</b><br><b>3.30pm – 5.30pm</b><br><b>(Invitation only)**</b><br><br><b>MULTI SPORTS CLUB</b><br><b>Yrs 1/2/3</b><br><b>3:30pm-4:30pm</b><br><b>(£30)</b> | <b>MULTI SPORTS CLUB</b><br><b>Yrs 4/5/6</b><br><b>3:30pm-4:30pm</b><br><b>(£30)</b><br><br><b>CHOIR</b><br><b>(JC-3.30-4.30pm)</b><br><br><b>DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY &amp; COMPUTING</b><br><b>(AW- Old ICT Suite- 3.30-4.30pm)</b><br><b>(£20)</b><br><br><b>SQUASH CLUB**</b><br><b>(Invitation only)</b><br><br><b>GYMNASTICS*</b><br><b>(3.30-4.30pm)</b> | <b>ATHLETIC SQUAD TRAINING Y4/5/6</b><br><b>(3.30-4.30PM)</b><br><u><b>Currently invitation only-new intake from Feb half term</b></u><br><br><b>Creative Arts Club*</b><br><b>(3:30pm 4:45pm)</b><br><u><b>Start date 17/01/20</b></u><br><b>(£95 for term)</b><br><br><b>HOMEWORK CLUB**</b><br><b>(JB-3:30-4:40PM)</b> |

**Please use the new Parent Mail system to book a place on any sports clubs or for the digital photography club. For Breakfast Club, please contact Ms Drinan via the school!**

\* Those clubs marked with an asterisk are run by outside providers and their charges may vary. Speak to either the providers directly via contact details on their letters or the school office.

\*\* Those marked with a double asterisk are free. There is no charge.

\*\*\*Gymnastics is a private club but sessions are offered to SH pupils on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3.30-4.30pm subject to availability.

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 Newman, Mrs McCarry & Miss Keisha  
Year 3 Team