



Term: Spring  
2020  
Year group: 3

## Information for parents

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to Sacred Heart Primary School, Battersea. We hope that you and your family had a lovely half-term break.

Spring is on its way! The mornings are getting lighter and the staff are refreshed and invigorated, after another excellent training day with fellow Wandsworth Catholic primary schools, at Sacred Heart Primary School in Roehampton. The morning focused on curriculum development led by outside speakers with expertise in RE (linked to art and the God Who Speaks), Science, History and Geography. In the afternoon, teachers met in their different subjects to share good practice and to consider next steps as a Catholic cluster in regards to teaching and learning and curriculum development. We all then met for a closing liturgy with Deacon Michael. So all in all, a lovely and inspirational start to the half term.

During this period of Lent, it is a perfect time for the children to reflect upon their personal goals, attitude to learning and the choices that they make both in class and in the playground, and in their relationships with others. As it mentions in the most recent Wednesday Word,

*'Lent is a time for us to make an extra effort to listen carefully to God's word, to try and make a change for the better by turning away from things which are wrong for ourselves or others.'*

So that your child/children have a smooth transition back to school this half term, please continue to develop positive learning behaviours at home by encouraging your child to:

- Show **curiosity** and **creativity** by discussing their homework with you, asking questions related to their learning and suggesting ideas.
- Demonstrate **concentration** by finding a quiet area in which to study and organising what they need to complete their homework
- Show **effort, improvement, perseverance** and **resilience** by completing homework tasks fully, to a good standard of presentation and to the best of their ability
- Demonstrate **teamwork** by speaking to their class (or set teacher) before the due date if they need assistance or clarification, and ensuring that they hand homework in on time, so that the class can work together when revising learning and addressing misconceptions.

**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
English	<p>We will start the half-term by looking at the myth of Icarus who to his peril, unaware of the dangers of the sun, flew to close to it. Children will have an opportunity to write their own modern day myth.</p> <p>After that, we will be looking at classic and narrative poems. We will look at patterns of language and engage with the poet's use of imaginative language. We will prepare a poem to perform to an audience.</p>	<p>Enjoy reading a variety myths, legends, fables and traditional tales with your child.</p> <p>Help your child to read, enjoy and then choose a poem and to learn it to perform to an audience.</p>
Maths	<p>We will start off the half-term by looking at money, the value of each coin and note. We will then move into adding and subtracting with money and looking at giving change.</p> <p>We will then be studying different types of graph, including Bar Charts and Pictograms. Towards the end of the half term, we will begin our unit on Fractions.</p>	<p>Continue to practise the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables and division at home, as children should be confident in these by the end of Year 3.</p> <p>Access Mathletics with your child and discuss the questions together.</p> <p>Survey friends and family and create a Bar Chart with the collected data. Give your child opportunities to handle money. Allow them to pay for things in a shop with money. Ask them to work out how much the shopping is in total and extend them by asking them to work out the change they would receive.</p>
RE	<p>Our first topic is <b>Eucharist</b>: Listening and sharing.</p> <p>Our second theme will be <b>Lent/Easter - Giving</b>.</p>	<p>Discuss the meaning of Eucharist and talk about Holy Communion and how to prepare for it. Talk about 'Little Acts of Kindness' which children can do at home.</p>
Science	<p>In our topic of Light children will learn to identify light sources, observe shadows and their properties and investigate reflective surfaces. They will also discuss the potential dangers of the sun and explore the various ways we can protect our eyes from it.</p>	<p>Talk about the sources of light, sun glasses and UV factors. Also discuss shadows when going for a walk. Have a debate about whether the moon is a light source or not.</p>
Geography	<p>We will be learning about Europe and the different countries it is made up of. We will also look at the differences and similarities between the countries in Europe.</p> <p>To link with our English topic, we will look at Greece, its culture and some of its history.</p>	<p>Use books and the Internet to create a poster about a country in Europe to present to the class.</p> <p>Look at Europe on a map and locate different countries.</p>
Computing	<p>Children will be creating their own 'Puppet Pal fact file' based on a European country of their choice. Children will using the information they have learnt in Geography this half term plus using safari to research some more information about a European country.</p>	<p>Allow your child access to Mathletics, Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rock Star weekly. Research a European country and create an Encyclopaedia entry for that country.</p> <p>Discover facts about how we see light.</p>

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).</p> <p>Improving their timing of the strokes and their breathing technique.</p>	
Music	This half term Year 3 will continue to learn to play the violin and to read basic music notation.	With your child, research, enjoy and discuss 20th century avant garde composers.
Italian	<p>To know the house: rooms</p> <p>To know prepositions</p> <p>To know the shops</p> <p>Know some aspects of Italian Culture (Holidays and Festivals)</p>	Discuss Easter traditions with your children and how Easter is celebrated around the world and especially in Italy.

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 (Grammar- CGP book)	Wednesday	Monday	Bitesize is a suggested website to use to familiarise yourself/your child with grammar and vocabulary for year 3.
Maths- Linked to learning for that week.	Wednesday	Monday	Encourage practising number facts, times tables, mental arithmetic and Mathematics
Spellings	Wednesday	Tuesday test	<p>Read, write, and check at home.</p> <p>Use spelling shed.</p> <p>Spelling Test dates:</p> <p>Week 1: 3/3/20</p> <p>Week 2: 10/3/20</p> <p>Week 3: 17/3/20</p> <p>Week 4: 24/3/20</p> <p>Week 5: 31/3/20</p>
Reading record	Children to read 20 mins a day after school. Children and adults to write a comment in their reading records.		Please read stories with your child. Listen to your child reading their book and ask them questions about what they have read.

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 day for Year 3 is on a Tuesday afternoon-children do swimming.  
Please remember to remove your child's earrings on a Monday night.

The before and after school clubs this term are:

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

**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 asterix 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 asterix 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 McCarry, Mrs Newman and Miss Keisha.