



St. Patrick's

Year 3 - Summer Term

We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and that the children are back feeling refreshed and ready to commence the Summer term. Please find below the details of topics that the children will be studying this term.

Literacy

We will begin Literacy this term with a 3-week focus on non-chronological reports. The children will have opportunity to explore this non-fiction genre and use focused grammar skills, layout features and technical vocabulary found within reports on topics such as animals. They will also have opportunity to undertake their own research in order to produce reports on a given topic.

After report writing, the focus will move to writing stories from the past. The children will have a go at writing their own stories based on a period in history and write from different perspectives of people who lived during that time. Again, this will have a clear focus on grammar, allowing children to use their imagination and develop their vocabulary. For both Literacy topics, any research done at home will be very useful and would be good for the children to share in class too!

Handwriting sessions will continue weekly as before. Please encourage your child to practise at home and to focus on the formation of individual letters as well as joining within words.

Maths

The Summer term will commence with a 1-week focus on Money. By the end of Year 3, children should have an understanding of numbers up to 1000. This includes comparing and ordering numbers, reading & writing numbers and recognising the value of each digit within numbers up to 1000.

Children will continue to learn \times and \div facts for the 3, 4 and 8x table, as well as counting in steps of 50 and 100. Please be reminded that the Key Instant Recall Fact sheets (KIRFs) that are given out at Parents' evening will contain ideas for supporting your child with instantly recalling their times tables, as well as other maths skills.

For the rest of the term, the children will then consolidate skills within addition and subtraction, data handling, time and shape.

Homework for Maths will still be set every Friday. Please ensure your child completes this homework by the following Friday. The completion of homework will be monitored. If your child is unable to complete this at home, they are more than welcome to attend Homework club which takes place on Thursday and Friday lunchtimes.

Reading

Reading has a key role to play in your child's development of vocabulary and spelling. When at home, please encourage your child to read on a regular basis and whenever possible, ask your child questions on what they have read. These types of questions asked are key in seeing if your child has an understanding of the text. You can ask *literal* questions, which encourages the child to pick out information which is already there to answer. You can also ask *inference* questions, which requires the reader to use the information given about a character/event and explain what they think about the character/what is happening. There are examples of these questions on the bookmarks the children were given on Monday 29th April.

Children who are 'Free readers' will now be asked to complete their reading reviews in a different way. As the term commences, those children will be informed as to how this is to be done.

Please be reminded that reading books should be in school every day. Your child's book will be changed once their diary is signed and we can see they have finished their book.

Science

Our first science topic will be 'Rocks and Soils', where children will learn about different types of naturally occurring rock. They will carry out a range of investigations on both rocks and soils and learn about their uses and where they come from.

After half term our topic is 'Helping plants grow', where children will learn about the process of photosynthesis and what is needed to grow healthy plants.

P.E

Indoor PE sessions will take place on Thursday afternoons (as previously) and outdoor games on Monday afternoons. Please ensure your child has the correct kit for each of these sessions. PE kits are to remain in school unless they are used for extra-curricular activities.

RE

We will begin our RE this term with the topic of Easter. The children will look at the importance of Jesus' death and resurrection. Within the RE sessions, the children will have lots of chances to reflect on the stories and events of Jesus' life and think about the impact it may have had on their own lives.

Following from this, we will look at Pentecost. Within this topic, the children will be looking at how the Holy Spirit filled the lives of those it came to, such as the disciples. Again, the children will have time for reflection and focused prayer. The final topic for the Summer term will be stories from the Old Testament. Our focus will be on Moses and King David.

Geography

During our lessons in geography we will be comparing our local area to that in another country, looking at different aspects which form a good place to reside. We will be using a village in South America for our comparisons. This is a lovely topic that shows the children how blessed they are to live in our city.

ICT

In ICT, the children will learn new skills in animation, using software called '2Animate' on Purple Mash, with which they are familiar. They will begin by looking at examples of well-known animation and by the end of the unit, the children will have animated a story they have planned.

DT

The DT topic this term is 'Muffins'. Children will learn how to design and make products which are appealing for customers, as well as evaluate them.

They will also develop basic food hygiene and preparation skills.

MFL

This term, the children will continue their weekly session of German with Mrs Bradbury.

Art

Our Art topic is 'Showcasing an Artist'. As well as their weekly class art sessions, the children will be visited by a local artist, who will demonstrate different artistic techniques in which the children will be able to test out for themselves! This will all contribute to their final piece influenced by our focus artist 'Van Gogh'.

Dates for your diary...

St Patrick Class Assembly – Friday 10th May (9am)

Sports Day – Tuesday 2nd July (1:30pm)

Summer Fete – Friday 12th July (3:30pm)

Holy Communion Service – Saturday 4th May (11am)

