



# St. Patrick's

## Year 3 - Spring Term

We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break and that the children are back and ready to learn! This term there are lots of exciting new topics to look forward to. Please find these detailed below and relevant website links/suggestions for additional learning at home.

### Literacy

We will start off Spring term by looking at 'Traditional tales'. We will explore the features of a range of different tales and by the end of the topic, the children will have an opportunity to write one of their own. At home, sharing and discussing well-known tales would support this topic.

This year, the expectation is that children continue to use and refine a cursive (joined) style of handwriting. We again encourage children to practise at home whenever possible.

Please be reminded that weekly spelling tests will continue every Wednesday. Please help your child to learn their spellings every week and ensure they have their spelling journal with them on the day of the test. Once the test is finished, the children will be asked to record their score in their reading diaries and highlight words to revise.

### Maths

The term will begin with a focus on knowledge of number and place value. Throughout Spring, children will cover all areas of the Maths curriculum, including the four operations (+, -, x and ÷), shape and data handling (graphs and charts).

Like last term, homework will be set on a **Friday, to be returned completed by the following Friday**. Please encourage your child to complete this as it will support their learning and reinforce work done in school. Children will have the opportunity to complete the work during a lunchtime club if they cannot at home.

#### Expectations:

Please also help your child to practise their times tables whenever possible. The focus tables for Year 3 are: - 3, 4 and 8x. By the end of Year 3, children are expected to demonstrate the ability to add and subtract 3-digit numbers, as well as multiply and divide 2-digit numbers by a 1-digit number.

### Reading

Every week there will be a focused reading session in which the children will take part in guided and independent reading. Your child's reading progress will be monitored in each session, as well as any other reading done in school.

Please support your children by reading with them at home as much as possible. Write any comments you have in your child's reading diary. Also encourage your child to read a range of different genres and ask them questions on what they have read.

Please note that reading books should be in school every day and diaries signed at home to say that the book has been finished. Once your child's diary is signed, then we can change their book.

## Science

Our focus this term is on Electricity. This will include practical skills, constructing circuits, and being able to draw a circuit that is clear and can be explained or followed by someone else. They will experiment with the amount of electricity needed to power something small/large, things that conduct electricity and how switches work.

After half term, we will be looking at the topic Sound. This will include looking at how to change the pitch and volume of sound, investigating how the ear works and how we hear sound

All our science topics include practical experiments, which the children enjoy – where possible, if it's safe, they conduct the experiments themselves in small groups.

## P.E

Swimming for Year 3 pupils has now finished. Therefore, normal indoor PE sessions will continue on Thursday afternoons, along with outdoor games on Mondays. Please be reminded that PE is part of the National Curriculum so please ensure your child has the correct kit for both indoor and outdoor PE.

## RE

Within RE lessons we will be reflecting on ways we can listen to God's word. The children will begin by learning about Christmas and how Christians might be the messengers of the good news of Jesus today.

Later on in the term, the focus will move onto Lent and Holy Week.

## History

Our foundation subject this term is a history topic. We are going to be looking at the Romans. This will allow us to investigate how life in Britain changed after the invasion and examine what life was like for the rich and poor. Children can look forward to finding out how and why the Romans conquered the Celts by recreating the tortoise shell formation.

## ICT

During ICT this term, the children will be designing a house using digital designer on purple mash. Once the children have designed their house, they will then have the chance to build a 3D model of their design.

## DT

Later this term we will be making photograph frames. In this topic the children will designing, making and decorating their own photo frame using a variety of materials.

## Art

This term we will be looking at the topic focusing on Viewpoints. This will mean looking at how artist interpret life, dreams and nature in different ways. It will allow us to use different media to demonstrate our own views or ideas about life. The media used will include paint, paint with different textures added, collage and montage

## MFL

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

## Dates for your Diary

Parents Evening :- 13<sup>th</sup> February