Our Lady and St Patrick's RC Primary School

Autumn 1 Curriculum Newsletter



Class 3/4 - Saturn Class Autumn 1 2024

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	Teacher's Message	Hello to all of the parents and carers to the children in Class 3/4! I hope you all have had a fabulous summer holiday. Please read on to find out about all the new and exciting learning we will be immersing ourselves over this half term. Here is a photo of myself so you know what I look like in case you do not know who I am. Please come and say hello if you see me!	
	Homework	Homework is posted on a Monday and the spelling test will be on the following Monday. English: Weekly spellings are set each Monday. Each week, the children receive a list of 5/6 words to start. The list will gradually increase as the children learn more spellings. The spellings will be uploaded on Class Dojo and a copy will be sent home for the children to practise. → Weekly spelling tests take place on a Monday. → Please make sure regular practice takes place. Maths: Later on in the term, pupils will be learning their times-tables whereby they will have a particular set of tables to focus on each week. I will post more information about this in due course later on in the term.	
	English	For writing in English, the children will be reading 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne. Pupils will have lots of opportunities to learn and imitate their own stories in line with this story from Anthony Browne.	

		The children will have regular handwriting practice in class each week to ensure they are attempting to join their letters correctly and fluently.
MO	VIPERS	VIPERS are guided reading sessions which allow the children to practise and learn different reading skills. The skills are as follows: (V – Vocabulary, I – Inference, P – Prediction, E – Explain, R – Retrieve and S – Summarise). The children will be taking part in weekly VIPERS session twice a week on a variety of different reading texts which the children will be investigating.
		The first text which the children will be delving into is 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner. This book is about a mysterious camera which is washed up on a beach which has a peculiar and intriguing past to be discovered.
		The second VIPERS text will be the 'Myth Atlas'. This text will help the children learn about different Greek Gods and how the author has used the text carefully to represent different mythological Greek Myths.
2+3=5 Δ	Maths	In the first term for maths, the children will be looking closely at place value. We will be securing our understanding of knowing the value of three and four-digit numbers as well as rounding to the nearest 10 and 100. We will also be looking to apply our knowledge to using our addition and subtractions using the column method.
	RE	This half term, the children will also be learning about the importance of <i>Abraham</i> . The class will explore how Abraham's faith was significant, and they will be able to <i>understand</i> , <i>discern</i> , <i>and respond</i> to the lessons from his story.
	Science	For science, the children will be learning about a range of things in our animals including humans' topic of learning. The children will be learning about the digestive system, the animal food chain, the different types of teeth and teeth hygiene. This is one of my favourite topics to teach. I am really looking forward to teaching this to your children!

	History	For history this term, Saturn Class will be placing their attention to learning about Ancient Greece. As a class, we will be exploring the early parts of Greece with what different excavations can tell us about Ancient Greece itself. We will also be comparing the life between the two city-states Athens and Sparta as well as looking at Alexander the Great.
	Geography	Not a lead subject this term.
	Art	For art, pupils will be looking into and learning about an artist called George Seurat. He was an artist in the late 1800s who used his techniques through pointillism where he used dots to make his own paintings. The children will be analysing his work and eventually look to create and evaluate their own paintings come the end of the unit of learning.
TO SERVICE SER	Design Technology	Not a lead subject for this term.
	RSHE	Within RSHE and PSHE, the children will be following the 'Life to the Full' programme. The unit of learning will be teaching the children about the Gospel story of Jesus with how we should be looking after one another with how we can do that inside and outside of school. In addition, pupils will also be learning about the importance of looking after our bodies with regards to our health. Pupils will be designing healthy diets as well as identifying routines which we can benefit from when looking after ourselves.
	PE	In PE, the children will be learning different skills about how to pass, score and defend in netball. The children will also be learning the required skills in tag rugby, participating in different drills and games as a class. On Fridays, Premier Sport will be taking the children to practise and take part in a range of different invasion games to promote competition and keep children physically active. PE will be taken on a Wednesday and Friday each week. *Please ensure your child brings in their PE kit on these days and it is clearly labelled with their first name and surname.
	Music	Not a lead subject this term.

	MFL (Y3+)	Not a lead subject this term.
	Computing	For computing, the children will be learning about online safety. Pupils will be taught one lesson a term by me to help them understand the importance of online safety and hope this can be practiced regularly. On a Friday, Mr Hopkins will be teaching the children how to create their own website. The children will carefully design their own website for an audience of their choice.
@	Teacher contact:	Please come and see me if you have any worries or concerns. If this isn't possible then please contact me through Class Dojo. Please note that teachers are teaching from 8.30am - 3.15pm. If your contact is urgent please contact the school office office @olsp.uk during the school day. There is no requirement for a teacher to reply to an email or class dojo message received after 6pm or at the weekend.