

# YEAR THREE

## Spring 2025



Happy New Year! We hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready for a great 2026 full of learning and fun at St. Joseph's!

### Good to know...

#### Teachers

Miss McGough, Mrs Jones and Mrs Farrell will continue to work with year 3.

Miss Mogford will continue to teach year 3 on a Tuesday to cover Miss McGough's time completing other tasks across the school.

Mrs Hamilton will continue to teach French to year 3 for an hour each week.

Mrs Cliffe will continue to teach the children music for an hour each week.

#### PE Kit

For the first half-term, our PE lessons will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please remove earrings at home on PE days.

#### When do we need Fluency Books, Reading Logs and Home Spelling Books?

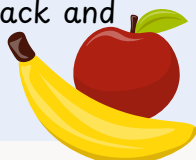
**Fluency books** - everyday. The children mark their fluency homework and write in their new tasks.

**Reading logs** - everyday. Signed by a school adult on Mondays and Thursdays.

**Home spelling books** - Wednesdays. We complete our spelling dictation then stick in our new spellings.

#### Snacks and Water Bottles

Please bring a healthy snack and a clearly named water bottle every day.



### English

Our focus texts for the term are:

- Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown
- Journey by Aaron Becker
- BFG by Roald Dahl



We will be learning to write recounts in different styles, writing setting descriptions that we can use in our

own stories and using and creating a range of playscripts.

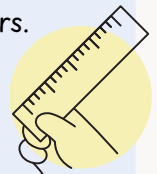


### Maths

We will learn how to multiply and divide 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers.

Next, we will be learning how to measure in millimetres, centimetres and metres.

We will end the term by learning about fractions. We will learn about the numerator (the number on the top of the fraction) and denominator (the number on the bottom of the fraction).



### RE

We start the term in the season of Christmas thinking about the shepherds who followed the star to Bethlehem.

Next, we will be reflecting on how Jesus taught us to pray. We will learn about a range of symbols and actions linked to prayer.

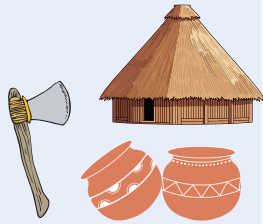
After half-term, we will be in the season of Lent and will reflect on the incredible, important events of Holy Week too.



## Other Subjects

### History

We will be learning about the Bronze and Iron Ages.



### Geography



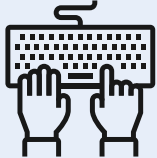
We will be looking at the Geography of the UK and comparing places.

### PE

We will be focusing on dance and handball then gymnastics and team games.



### Computing



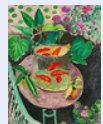
We will be learning about touch typing and computer simulations.

### Science

Our science work focuses on light in the first half-term and plants in the second.



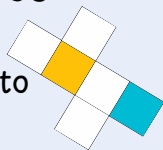
### Art



Year 3 will create collages based on *The Goldfish* by Henri Matisse.

### Design and Technology

We will learn about structures and use nets to create packaging.



### Music



The children will be learning about pentatonic music and developing their recorder playing skills.

### French

We will continue to develop our vocabulary including learning our numbers in French!



### PSHE



We will think about our personal dreams and goals.



## How can I support my child at home?

### Homework

**Reading** - please encourage your child to read their book at home for at least 15 minutes every day and to write a comment in their reading log.

**Fluency** - the children will have 4 maths fluency questions to complete per day. They will write these into their fluency book to practise their number formation and will need to complete them at home before the start of the next school day.

**Spelling** - practise the weekly spelling words with your child in a range of different ways.

**RE Homework Projects** - Once per half-term, there will be a creative RE homework project to complete with your child.

### Times Table Rockstars

Play Times Table Rockstars at least four times a week to improve their recall of times table facts. Your child's login is in their reading log.



### Catholic Life

Encourage your child to spend time in prayer and reflection at home. Attend Sunday Mass with them whenever possible.



## Educational Visits

We will be going on our visit to Westport Lake on 18<sup>th</sup> March. We will be using our navigation skills from our Geography lessons to find our way there on the public bus and track our route around the lake!

