

YEAR THREE

Autumn 2026



Welcome to year 3! We hope that you have had a wonderful summer break and are ready for a term full of learning and fun at St. Joseph's!

Good to know...

Teachers

Miss Mogford is the year 3 class teacher. Mrs Jones and Mrs Farrell will support in year 3 every day. Miss McGough will teach year 3 on a Wednesday afternoon to cover Miss Mogford's planning time and on a Friday morning. Mrs Hamilton will be teaching French & Art/D&T to year 3 on Friday afternoon's. 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 Tuesdays and Thursdays. 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 -Fridays. We complete our spelling dictation then stick in our new spellings.

Snacks and Water Bottles

Fruit is not provided at break time in KS2. Please bring a healthy snack and a clearly named water bottle every day.



English

Our focus texts for the term are:

- The Day the Crayons Quit by Oliver Jeffers
- Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura
- Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett.

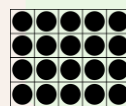
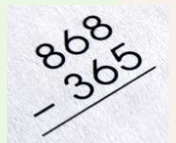
We will be learning to write persuasive letters, stories, reports about animals and poetry inspired by our class poet: Joseph Coelho.



Maths

We will be working on our understanding of numbers up to and including 1,000.

We will then focus on addition and subtraction including using the column method to add and subtract 3-digit numbers.



We end the term by looking at multiplication as equal groups.

RE



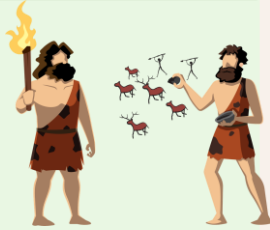
We begin the year exploring **Creation and Covenant**, learning about the Christian belief that God created the world and calls all people to know and love him. We will explore the Genesis creation stories and discover God's promises and covenants with people such as Abraham and Moses.

Next, we will move on to **Prophecy and Promise**, where we will learn how the Old Testament prophets prepared people for God's promised Messiah, making connections between their messages, Advent, and the birth of Jesus.

Other Subjects

History

We will be learning all about Stone Age Britain!



Geography



Our work will focus on the causes and locations of volcanoes and earthquakes.

PE

We will be learning to play cricket and football.



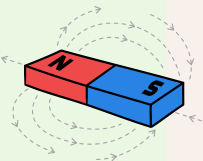
Computing



We will be learning about online safety, coding and using graphs.

Science

Year 3 will focus on forces and magnets then look at rocks and soils.



Art



We will be using charcoal to explore how we can use light and dark in our drawings.

Design and Technology

We will be learning about levers and creating Christmas cards with moving parts.



Music



We will be looking at rhythmic patterns, standard notation and rehearsing and performing in the Christmas Carol Concert.

French

Year 3 will start learning French! We will master French greetings.



PSHE



We will be celebrating what makes us all unique.



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. These should take around 5 minutes to complete.

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

- Thursday 10th December- New Vic Theatre to watch their festive production of The Borrowers.