

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
WELCOME TO YEAR 3



Dear Parents,

We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and that your child is looking forward to this year in the Year 3 class. It has been lovely to see all the children back in school and we have had a wonderful start to the new school year. Thank you for your support with the new arrangements for when your child arrives and leaves school each day - you have helped to make the return to school a great success. This is a gentle reminder to all parents to clear the areas outside of the school grounds promptly each morning after dropping your child off to avoid any congestion.

This term our topic is called 'Let's Find Out', which takes the children on a journey of discovery across the curriculum. Please see the curriculum plan for further details.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

All Lower Key Stage Two children will have one session of Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar activities per week. These sessions are focussed on particular spelling patterns or elements of grammar and are in addition to the work covered in daily class Literacy lessons.

PE and Swimming

There will be no swimming lessons in the Autumn term. PE lessons take place on a Wednesday and the children will practise running the mile on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has an outdoor PE kit and trainers in school for their PE lesson. Children **should not** wear earrings during PE lessons, so please ensure your child does not wear earrings on a **Tuesday or Wednesday**. Children with longer hair should also ensure that it is fully tied back for PE lessons. PE kits will be sent home after the lesson on Wednesday to be washed and are to be returned to school before the next lesson.

Homework

Maths, Literacy or Topic homework will be set each Wednesday on Google Classroom. Please follow the instructions carefully and upload the homework before Monday. A Maths and Literacy homework book will be sent home next week for your child to complete the homework in each week. When the homework is completed, please take a photograph of the work and upload this to Google Classroom. We will mark the homework on Google Classroom so you will be able to see the feedback given to your child. The homework will consolidate the work covered in Maths and Literacy or be part of our RE or creative curriculum topic. We encourage all children to complete the homework on time.

| Given out on | Homework | Due in by |
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| Wednesday | Literacy/Topic/ R.E. | Monday |
| Wednesday | Numeracy | Monday |

Daily reading of between 10 - 20 minutes continues to be part of the weekly homework. Please encourage your child to read at home each day and where possible find opportunities to share books or discuss books that you are reading together. Reading books will be sent home each Thursday. Your child will get one new book per week, which must be returned the following Monday, this is to ensure the books are kept untouched for an appropriate period of time before being reallocated. If your child does not return the completed book on Monday, they will miss out on receiving a new book on Thursday. When we feel children are ready to choose their own books to read, they will be able to access books from the classroom and will be encouraged to select books independently.

Kind regards

Mrs Jeffrey and Mrs Gaffney