

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3 and beginning of KS2. It has been lovely to meet the children and yourselves at the beginning of the school year. In Year 3, we are expecting children to begin to build their independence which will support their learning as they progress through KS2. To support your child's learning, we ask that if you could hear your child read at home and record this in their reading record. Children will be bringing their spelling books home weekly and again we ask if you could support your child to learn these each week. Homework will be sent out every **Wednesday** and we ask this is **back by the following Wednesday at the latest**. Our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday each week, please make sure your child has a full PE kit (see school website for more information) We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. If there are any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to come and see myself or Mrs Phillpott. We are happy to help in any way possible.

Many Thanks

Miss R Marsh

What are we learning about?

Maths: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction

English Fractured Fairy Tales- Narrative

Science: Health and Movement

RE: Belonging

PE: Mindfulness and Invasion Games

Computing: Safer- Staying Safe Online

Topic: Our European Neighbours

Art and DT: Investigating Patterns

Your child will be given logins for TTRocksters, Reading Plus and Mathletics which they will be able to access at home.

Special days / Dates:

Some important dates for the diary in Year 3 are:

Wb Monday 23rd September – Mission, Values, Vocation and Prayer Week and RHE 10:10 Unit 1 – information to follow.

Tuesday 1st October – Year 3's Class mass – please join us if you can.

Wb – Monday 21st October – Black History Week – information to follow.

Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October – English Parent Workshop – letters to follow.

Tuesday 26th November – Year 3's Class Mass – please join us if you can.

The class charity we have chosen to support

Year 3 really thought carefully about our class charity, this year we will be donating for a charity called Friends of the Earth



<p><u>Values for Autumn Term:</u> Curious and Active – before half term</p> <p>Curious: Curious about the life of Jesus and finding out more about his life and teachings. Active: Putting our faith into actions – actions speak louder than words!</p> <p>Intentional and Prophetic – after half term</p> <p>Intentional: Being intentional with our words and actions – making good choices. Prophetic: Speaking clearly treating others the way Jesus showed us.</p>	<p><u>Children as leaders</u></p> <p>In Year 3 the children have the opportunity to be: Creation Guardians, on the School Council, a Mini Vinnie, part of the School Mission team and prayer leaders. There are many opportunities throughout the year to lead in class masses and assemblies.</p>
<p><u>Catholic Social Teaching & British values</u> Throughout the curriculum and beyond children learn about the 7 principles of Catholic Social Teaching - Working in Solidarity, Care for Creation, Community & Participation, Dignity of Workers, Help for the Poor & Vulnerable, Human Dignity & Solidarity and how they link to British Values – Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Respect & Tolerance.</p>	<p><u>St Joseph's Way – See our website for more details</u></p> <p>At St. Joseph's we develop children's character through the 'St. Joseph's Way' curriculum. In order to build character, we define the behaviours and habits that we expect students to demonstrate. We want to support our pupils to grow into adults who are polite, respectful, grateful and who put others before themselves. We believe that, as pupils practise these behaviours over time, they become habits that positively shape how they feel about themselves and how other people perceive them. As philosopher Will Durant states, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." (1926)</p>