



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

Autumn 1 Class Newsletter

Year 3

Class Teacher: Miss Hawkins

Dear Parents/Carers and children,

Welcome back to school and I hope you had a wonderful summer holidays. In Year 3 we have an action-packed term ahead, with lots of exciting topics to learn about. We cannot wait to share our knowledge with you.

Maths

In maths, we are starting to look at place value which involves children representing numbers up to a thousand as well as calculating intervals on a number line. Further on in the term we will also be learning about addition and subtraction and multiplication and division

English

In English, we are working towards writing a story from the point of view of the Stone Age boy—a character from our class book, 'Stone Age boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. Children have also been looking at subordinating conjunctions, inverted commas and prefixes in grammar.

Topic

This term our topic is called "Through the Ages", children are going to be learning about life in the stone, bronze and iron ages of Britain. In our art topic, children will be creating their own bell beaker pots and our geography topic is looking at locating and understanding countries and continents around the world

RE

Our first topic in RE is 'Belonging'. We will be revisiting the Sacrament of Baptism as one of the three sacraments of belonging to the Church and also exploring how Catholics celebrate their belonging to the Family of God through the celebration of Mass. Further on in the term we will be looking at the sacrament of Reconciliation and how we come together to celebrate Mass.

Virtues for the term

The virtues for this term are Curious and Active

Homework and reading books

This year, we have exercise books for homework. Each Friday, your child will bring home spelling words, maths and English homework. They have until the next **Thursday** to complete their work and bring in their book.

Year 3 children should read at home with an adult at least four times a week. Please make a note of each time you read in their reading diaries and sign the entry. Reading diaries are expected to be seen every **Thursday**.

PE

In PE this term children will be playing Netball with Mrs Howlett. Children will be doing PE on **Tuesday** and **Fridays**. They must have the appropriate kit and a water bottle on these days.

Break time snacks

In key stage two, fruit is no longer provided for children and so they are invited to bring in a healthy snack for break time. We allow fruit, salad and cereal bars. Please note that we have children with serious nut allergies so nut products are not allowed in school.

Finally...

I would like to thank the children for an excellent start to the year, I have been very impressed with their behaviour, effort and lovely personalities. I am looking forward to a brilliant year.

If you ever have any queries or questions, please come and see me and I will be happy to help.

Best wishes for the term.

Miss Hawkins
