



St. Nicholas'
Primary
September 2023

Curriculum Newsletter

A very warm welcome to Primary 3. The children have all settled in well to their new classroom and are working very hard already. We are all looking forward to an exciting year together in Primary 3! This newsletter will give you an overview of our school year and some of our key learning experiences. We hope you find it helpful and informative.

Literacy

Talking and listening

- Class, group and paired discussions
- Personal talks
- Listening skills activities

Reading

- Shared texts
- Class novels
- Bug Club reading scheme
- Personal reading
- Topic research

Writing

Children will be taught a range of writing genres. They will write to

- convey experiences or information
- describe events (real or imagined)
- explain processes
- persuade
- explore issues
- express an opinion

They will use **VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers, Punctuation)** to assess and up-level their writing.

Learning in Primary 3

The children will continue to learn in a variety of different ways.

As well as teacher led class and group learning the children will have independent targets to complete. These targets may take the form of a written task, a game or a practical activity.

There will also be longer term challenges for the children to complete at their own pace.

Numeracy and Maths

Teaching and learning in maths will include active learning, practical activities, problem solving and enquiry and focused numeracy development. This includes the SEAL (Stages of Early Arithmetical Learning) programme which is an active approach to number where learners experience activities which are varied, differentiated, active, and provide effective support and challenge. It is designed to develop numeracy skills and build confidence.

Our P3 curriculum overview is as follows:

Term 1:

- **Number and Number Processes** (place value, estimating & rounding, addition, subtraction)
- **2D shapes and 3D objects**
- **Patterns and Relationships**
- **Money**
- **Angles, Symmetry & Transformation**

Term 2:

- **Number and Number Processes** (Multiplication, Division)
- **Time**
- **Fractions**
- **Data Analysis**
- **Chance & Uncertainty**

Term 3:

- **Measurement**
- **Expressions and Equations**
- **Maths & it's impact on the world**

RERC

Developing a greater understanding of the Catholic faith through prayers, bible stories and key feast days and celebrations. Preparing for, and celebrating, the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Some of our themes will be:

- ❖ New Beginnings / Creation
- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation
- ❖ Mary Our Mother / The Rosary
- ❖ All Saints / The Apostles
- ❖ Advent / Christmas / Lent / Easter
- ❖ God's Loving Plan

Assessment

Assessment is for Learning Strategies including:

- Traffic Lights
- Marking by class teacher
- Oral feedback / discussion
- Peer and self-assessment
- Weekly Spelling assessments
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Health & Wellbeing

We focus on physical and mental health using 'Bounceback' and 'PATHS' programmes to support our Health and Wellbeing programme.

We have 2 hours of PE a week. PE days for P3 this term are

Wednesday and **Friday**.

Reminders for Parents

- Please remember to label all of your child's belongings.
- Please put only water in bottles for class.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at any time.

*Kind regards,
Mrs Darley*



Social subjects

Term 1: People, society, economy and business

Term 2: People, past events and societies

Term 3: People, place and environment

Science

Term 1:

- ❖ Materials
- ❖ Space

Term 2:

- ❖ Lifecycles
- ❖ Micro-organisms and decomposition.

Term 3:

- ❖ Forces

Seesaw

The children are learning how to upload their work on Seesaw so they can share their achievements with you at home.

Homework

- Spelling
- Daily reading – Bug Club (online)
- Weekly maths activities – Studyladder and Sumdog
- Reconciliation preparation (Term 2)

Homework will be posted on Teams weekly. Please encourage your child to learn their spelling words.