St Anne's Catholic Primary School
Christ at the heart of all we do

Welcome back. I hope you all had a lovely half–term break. We are looking forward to a busy term ahead and the exciting run up to Christmas. Please refer to the newsletters and the website for details ☺

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Prophecy and Promise

In this unit, the children will learn how Sunday is a holy day for Christians, making simple links between the story of Creation (Gen 1:1- 2:4) and Sunday as a day of rest. They will learn some special prayers, signs and actions performed in church and at Mass. We will be exploring how Joseph put his trust in God when the angel appears and the children will learn to make links between the angel's message about Jesus and the words of the prophet Isaiah.

MATHS

We will be finishing off our Addition and Subtraction unit to begin this term, working towards adding and subtracting 2 and 3 digit numbers and finding the complements to 100. Following that, we will be moving on to multiplication and division, practising the 3 x table number facts as well as the corresponding division facts.
We are aiming for quick-recall of these, for example 9 x 3 = ? 33 ÷ 3 = ? ? ÷ 3 = 7 etc

At home: You could help by encouraging your child to complete the maths worksheet each week as well as practising quick fire questions on the 3 x table facts.

ENGLISH

This half term in English, Year 3 will enjoy two engaging texts: *The Grumpy Ghost Upstairs* and *Fox*. Through these stories, children will develop their narrative writing skills, creating exciting and imaginative stories of their own. They will learn to use prefixes, adverbs ending in *-ly*, a wider range of conjunctions and prepositions, as well as exploring the present perfect tense. The children will also practise punctuating direct speech, using apostrophes for possession and commas in lists, helping them to become more confident and effective writers.
The children will be reading from a variety of text-styles and authors in school; they will also choose books from the class library. We teach reading skills through shared reading and this term will focus on information retrieval.

At home:

Please ask questions about word meaning and about the plot and character when you are reading with your child. Alternating the reading between adult and child is also a good way to promote understanding and a love of reading.

SPELLING

Children will be learning to spell and use the words from the Year 3 spelling objectives. They will be given out at the beginning of each half-term and will be tested each week on Mondays. Please refer to the list for Autumn 2 spellings.

SCIENCE

Light

In Science this half term, we will be investigating 'Light'. The children will learn that we need light in order to see, and that darkness is an absence of light. We will investigate reflection and shadows, as well as how to protect our eyes from sunlight.

We really enjoyed our class trip to 'Xplore! Science Discovery Centre' taking part in a 'Light' workshop, a great basis for our learning this half term.

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HISTORY

Changes in Britain from the Stone-Age to the Iron-Age

Our topic this term gives the children the opportunity to learn about early humans and developments in the way we have lived over time.

We will be looking at a period, Stone Age to Iron Age, covering around 10,000 years, between the last Ice Age and the coming of the Romans. Such a long period is difficult for children to imagine, but dramatic changes happen. Man moves from hunter-gatherer to farmer, from rural to urban, from fighting for survival to sophisticated society. There is plenty to get our teeth into!

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Let's Go Fly a Kite

This term the children will be researching, designing, making and evaluating their own kite. They will be using their creative skills as well as finding out about structures and how to strengthen and improve their designs.

P.E

The children will continue to have PE sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays each week; please send your child into school wearing the appropriate school PE kit on both days. We will be learning the skills of Netball and Dance, as well as keeping active on our St Anne's Mile track as often as possible.

COMPUTING

Creating Media -Stop frame animation

In this unit, we will use a range of techniques to create a stop-frame animation using tablets. Next, the children will learn to apply those skills to create a story-based animation. They will then learn to add other types of media to their animation, such as music and text.

FRENCH

'I am learning French'

This half-term, we will be continuing with this unit, learning to greet and use basic phrases when first meeting someone. The children will have the knowledge and skills to be able to introduce themselves, say how they feel and have a wider appreciation for the country/countries where french is spoken.

MUSIC

Christmas Singing

In this unit, the children will learn to sing in tune and with expression. They will learn the meaning of some Italian terms, such as 'forte' and will practise performing a simple accompaniment. They will begin to identify different styles of music.

HOMEWORK

In Key Stage Two, homework will be set weekly and will be sent home in your child's learning log.

- Spellings to learn
- One piece of work related to their current class work. This can be from any subject.

Your child will also receive weekly Maths homework based on the week's learning.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs James