

In **RE** this term we are learning about the Christian Family and that the Church is the family of God. Pupils will look at how Christians join and contribute to this family through Baptism and the significance of the sacrament. We will also discuss what it means to be part of any family of people and the benefits and responsibilities it brings.

For **English** throughout the year we will constantly be looking at, and developing, our handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar. From time to time tasks in homework may link to them, and your child will always have spellings to focus on at home too. This term our English focuses are: folk tales and fables; biographies; poems that follow specific rules like limericks and haikus; and we will look at how we can write persuasively for a purpose.

With **Maths** a basic understanding of number is the foundation for some of the new and more challenging types of maths we will cover in year 3. Therefore, this first term will be spent focusing on the foundations with place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Just like with home reading, your child will be encouraged to practise their times tables at home and you too can encourage this by 'firing' questions at them.

In **Science** the class will not only focus on specific scientific subjects such as light, materials and plants but the skills required to investigate and discover things for themselves scientifically. Our focuses this term are

1. Light - looking at sources of light, shadows and reflections
2. Healthy Humans - looking at nutrition, diet and exercise.

We will be designing sunglasses, making hand shadow puppets, keeping fit, designing and creating healthy meals and learning what our bodies are made of.

Our Autumn Term Curriculum

Welcome to Year 3



In **Computing** this term will use IT to present our ideas and folk tales using texts, images and video with different programs that support this like office and movie apps. Whenever children are using computers we will establish and reinforce messages about using technology safely and responsibly.

PSHE On occasions this term will link to discussions which we have had during RE with regards to families and other relationships we have with loved ones. We will also discuss relationships we have with classmates, friends, teachers and any other people we come into contact with in our lives.

This term year 3 will have dedicated **PE** time on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings. Can you please make sure your child has their kit available in school and that it is labelled to help avoid it going missing?

For **History** our theme 'There's no place like home' gives us an opportunity to look at our local area's past and the differences in our jobs, clothing and transport.

In **Geography** 'There's no place like home' gives us a chance to look at and use our atlases, more local maps and surrounding areas. We will learn about towns/cities in the UK and about the different types of environments we are surrounded by in the North West ranging from busy cities to rural countryside.

Art and DT - As well as using Art as a means to express what we have learned in a breadth of subjects we will design, make and evaluate products linked to our 'Healthy Humans' topic too

Reading at home is vital for increasing not only reading capabilities but writing too. Children have been given school books to read at home and are encouraged to do this with rewards in school. In guided reading sessions we will read as a group and respond to text, improving understanding of different text and comprehension.

In **Music** we will link to our poems and fables looking at chants/rhymes and at how the structure of rhymes and songs have similarities.