



### P.E

During indoor PE sessions, the children will be using core strength and co-ordination in a dance based module. They will also be improving their athletic skills and setting themselves targets . In outdoor games, they will be learning key basketball skills to improve their hand/eye co-ordination as well as skills associated with handball.

### PERSONAL, HEALTH AND RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION (PHRE)

The children will be able to talk about issues that concern them during themed class discussions to build confidence and self-esteem, thinking about themselves and their relationship with others.

In the second half of the autumn term, children will cover the topic 'Valuing Differences', continuing to build on confidence and self-esteem.



### HOME LEARNING

Home learning will be set on a Friday and is due the following Wednesday.

Spellings will be set on a Friday on spelling shed and the children will be tested on them the following Thursday. The children will also be expected to practise their times tables on Times Tables Rockstars ready for a times tables challenge every Friday.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD

- Please read with your child regularly and talk about the book, e.g. discuss a character, predict the ending, discuss unfamiliar vocabulary.
- Help your child with their home learning activities.
- Encourage your child to read for pleasure. This may take the form of researching a topic being taught in school.
- Help your child to solidify their times tables knowledge, including x2, x5 and x10 tables. Then move onto x3 and x4.
- Encourage your child to read the time to the quarter hour using digital and analogue clocks.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you this year!

Mrs Nolan, Mr Yarrow, Miss Blunden and Mrs McCaffrey.



# St. Walburga's Catholic Primary School



## **Parent's Guide to the Year 3 Curriculum - Autumn Term**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In R.E. this term we will be studying the following topics:

- Creation and New Life - the children will think about how we are called to be part of God's creation through Baptism. They will consider how they and others respond to that call.
- Prayers, Saints and Feasts - the children will continue to develop their understanding of the sacrament of Baptism. They will begin to learn about the rite of Baptism and explore the importance of forgiveness.
- Advent and Christmas - the children will think about how we prepare for Christmas in Church and through our everyday life. They will learn how John the Baptist helped people to prepare for the coming of Jesus and how Mary was part of God's plan.



## ENGLISH—WRITING

The children will encounter a range of texts including, stories with familiar settings, information books and non-chronological reports. They will be exposed to a variety of high quality texts to support them in drafting their own writing. Emphasis will also be on sentence construction and punctuation, including different sentence types and using question marks and exclamation marks.

## ENGLISH—READING

The children will be exploring a range of texts linked to our topics and GPS objectives. The reading curriculum will stretch across all subjects with an emphasis on their understanding of words and context. The objectives will be based on the reading content domains for Key Stage 2, encouraging an enjoyment of reading and exploring new vocabulary.

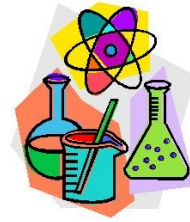
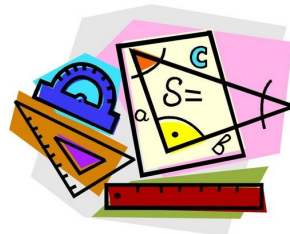


## MATHS

This term, the maths work will include place value up to 999. The children will be learning to use the formal written method for addition and subtraction as well as mental strategies. They will also be working on multiplication and division, including strengthening their times tables knowledge.

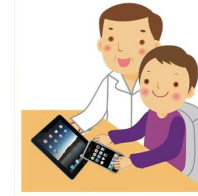
They will be taught and encouraged to use different strategies to deal with problem solving and mental maths.

The children will be solidifying their knowledge of how to use the four operations and make the inverse links.



## SCIENCE

Our first topic is 'Rocks and Soils' with specific reference to comparing different types of rocks based on their appearance and physical properties. We will look at how fossils are formed and investigate what soils are made up of.



## COMPUTING

In Computing, the children will be looking at e-safety and the importance of being safe when using computers. They will then be familiarising themselves with basic computing skills and recapping on programming knowledge.

## GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, the children will be learning how to read maps and use atlases. There will be a focus on the local area.



## HISTORY

In History the children will be looking at changes in Britain from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age; this includes thinking about migration, settlement, farming, inventions, trade, society, culture, beliefs, and kingdoms.



## ART and DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

In Art, the children will be developing their drawing and painting skills. They will be exploring different artists this term. They will focus on colour, tone and texture in painting using various inspiration to work from.

In Design & Technology, the children will be designing and creating a wooden bookmark, selecting the appropriate tools and resources. They will then evaluate their final piece against their original design and the design criteria.



## MUSIC

In Music, the children get the opportunity to learn about rhythm and song structure. They will also learn about basic notation and how to play simple tunes on the recorder.