



Welcome to Year 3! Please look at our curriculum newsletter to see what we will be learning about this Spring term, and more importantly how you can support your child.

English

This term the children will be finishing their poems and then their work will focus on writing a persuasive letter, a biography (on King Charles) and a diary extract. We will continue using our learnt grammar including, adjectives, expanded noun phrases, prepositions, conjunctions and adverbs. We will also be including fronted adverbials into our writing to make our sentences longer and provide more information to the reader. Within our work we will be looking for the correct use of punctuation, ensuring all our sentences start with capital letters and end with full stops as well as using commas in the correct place. In Year 3, the children will begin to join up their handwriting using the cursive style. I would encourage the children to practise their handwriting at home, ensuring their letters sit on the line and that their 'sky high' and 'touch down' letters are in proportion throughout.

R.E

At St Maxentius we have adopted a new R.E scheme. Although it is important to explore our own faith and teachings, we also acknowledge that it is important to explore other faiths. Our two focus questions this term will be...

1. How do festivals and worships show what matters to Muslims?
2. How do festivals and family show what matters to Jewish people?

Thank you for your support.

Miss White

Maths

In Maths lessons, the children will be finishing our multiplication and division unit. We will be focussing on mental and written methods to calculate answers. We will continue having a huge focus on our times tables as they are a fundamental part of our learning. Our focus will be on the 3-, 4- and 8-times tables. Knowing our times tables will aid the children in their learning. Please encourage children to practise these at home regularly by either writing them down or using the links below.

We will also be moving onto some new learning which includes looking at money, statistics and measuring length and heights.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/504/Super-Maths-Bowling-Multiplication>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Reading

In reading, we will be sharing the text 'The Iron Man' and 'The morning I met a whale'. Children will be developing their retrieval and inference skills in class working in small groups and independently. The children will be using retrieval skills to find out information from the text to help them answer comprehension questions. As well as this, at the start of every reading lesson the children will complete a '60 second read' to develop fluency. Home school reading books will be changed fortnightly. Please could your child be encouraged to read their schoolbook at home daily.

Learning in other subjects:

In History, we will be learning all about the 'Stone age', we will start by exploring 'How long-ago prehistoric men lived', we will find out, what the 'Skara Brae tells us about life in Stone age and lots more!

In Geography we will be looking at 'Antarctica', finding out about the climate, what lives there and researching explorers such as 'Shackleton'.

In Art, the children will be working with Miss Longworth looking at 'Working with shape and colour' to create their own pieces of work.

In Science, we will be looking at 'Forces and Magnets' looking at how magnets attract and repel through experiments. After this, we will be moving onto the topic of 'Light', looking how light travels and much more!

In computing, we will be learning about animation and sequencing sounds.

In Music, the children will be working with Miss Longworth looking at the song 'Three Little Birds'.

Mr Cayton will continue to teach PE this term where we have started a new Dance unit.