



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Spring 1 and 2 Class Newsletter

Year 3

Class Teacher: Mrs Horton

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back I hope you had a restful break and are ready to SPRING into a new term of learning.

### Prayer and RE learning

In RE our focus is first Christmas, then the Eucharist and Belonging, Holy Week and Lent. We will have lots of reflective time as we prepare for Easter during Lent. Children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion later in the year will continue to prepare for this important sacrament.

### Maths

We will continue to follow the White Rose scheme of work. The children will be deepening their mastery of multiplication and division before moving on to length and perimeter, fractions and mass and capacity. You can support your child by making sure they are secure with the Year 2 times tables (2, 5 and 10) as well as building their knowledge of the 3, 4, and 8 times tables which are required for Year 3. Please continue to use TT Rockstars to practise these skills.



Please ask me if your child has forgotten their log in details.

### English

Our class books this term are: Macy and the Riddle of the Sphinx (Joe Todd-Stanton), The Story of Tutankhamun (Patricia Cleveland-Peck) and The Mystery of the Egyptian Scroll (Scott Peters). We will be reading and discussing these books daily and in our weekly Guided Reading sessions. In our English lessons we will be writing adventure stories, fact files and newspaper articles. The children will also be studying and writing their own poetry.

This term we will also be focussing on spellings in particular the Year 3 and 4 common exception words.

### Reading

Please encourage your child to read daily at home, keeping a note of books read in their personal reading record. Children always enjoy being read to, even when they can read fluently for themselves so do try and share a good story with them when time allows. If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's reading, please write them in their reading diary. We will visit the Library each week, please look after our books and return them weekly.

**The MORE** that you  
**READ,** the more things  
you will **KNOW.**  
**The MORE** that you  
**Learn,** the more places  
you'll **GO.**

Dr. Seuss

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## Other subjects

Our History topic for the term is "What can we learn from the Ancient Egyptians?" and we will be conducting an in-depth study of the Ancient Egyptians alongside learning about other Ancient Civilisations across the world that were active at a similar time.

In Science, we will learn about light and sound through practical investigations and expanding our scientific vocabulary.



## Virtues for the two terms:

### Spring 1: Compassionate and Loving

We are compassionate when we feel sympathy and concern for other people who are in difficulty, whether they are near to us or far away.

We are loving when we show our sympathy and concern for other people by our actions and by our words.

### Spring 2: Faith-Filled and Hopeful

We are faith-filled when we are living life as God inspires us to live it, putting the Gospel into action through our actions and deeds. Faith gives us trust in God and in other people. We have to build on it every day through prayer, being part of the faith community of St Mary's and living out the Gospel values.

We are hopeful when we are optimistic about the future, we trust ourselves and others, and we don't give up. Our faith teaches us that God is hope –

that Christ walks before us and gives us the courage to follow. Hope makes us unafraid to step into the unknown and face challenges. Hope can deepen or restore our faith.

## Catholic Social Teaching strands:

### Family and Community

This involves making sure that decisions are made at the most appropriate level, so all those affected can contribute and have a voice. Everyone has important ideas and knows what is best for their families and communities. They need to have a say and the chance to influence outcomes.

### Solidarity and the Common Good

Being in solidarity is recognising others as our brothers and sisters and actively working for their good. We are connected to people and places all over the world.

The common good is about respecting the rights and responsibilities of all people and leaving no one behind. Our actions have an impact on everyone.

When we make decisions, we should consider the good of all.

"... all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

## Expectations for home learning in Year 3

Literacy and Maths homework will continue to be set on a Tuesday to be handed in the following Monday. We will continue to set this either on Google Classroom or on paper as we were doing last term.

## PE days

We will have PE on a Tuesday afternoon so please make sure your child has their kit with them for this day. Children should wear black shorts and a blue t-shirt with the St Mary's logo for indoor PE. Our PE units for this term are Gymnastics and Dance so we will be inside for our PE lessons.

Year 3 will start their swimming lessons on the first Monday afternoon following the February half term (19th February). They will need a swimming costume, towel, and hat. If you would like your child to wear goggles please send a signed note into school.

## Water bottles and uniform

Children need to bring a water bottle to school everyday.

We expect all children to wear the correct school uniform, including footwear. A full list of the uniform can be found on the school website - <https://st-marys-bicester.oxon.sch.uk/information/parents-information/school-uniform/>.

Please label all of your child's belongings with their name as this will aid in the speedy return of missing items.

## Dates for the diary

26th January Theatre Visit

7th March 9.05 Y3 Class Assembly

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Horton



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