

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a restful break and are refreshed and ready for the new and final term of Year 3!

A few reminders:

- Please ensure that P.E kits are in school every day in case of changes to the time table. P.E will continue to be on a Wednesday. As the weather is getting warmer we will have P.E outside so please ensure your child has suitable clothing and footwear.
- Summer is nearly here! When the weather is warm, please send your child to school with sun cream already applied, a sunhat and a drink of water, NO juice
- Please encourage your child to read as much as they can at home and record it on their diary. (see reading section below)
- Use Mathletics every week to complete tasks set and earn points!

St. Margaret Clitherow Primary Catholic Academy

Year 3 – Summer News



RE

In R.E, we will be following the Come and See scheme. Our first topic is Pentecost where the specific learning is Energy- gifts of the Holy Spirit. Our second topic is Reconciliation- Choices, where the children will learn about the importance of examination of conscience. Our final topic is The Universal Church-special places where the children will learn about Holy places for Jesus and the Christian community. Many children in Year 3 will make their First Holy Communion during this term, so there will be discussions related to this important event too. There will be a special mass of celebration for the children in school later in the term

Topic and Science

Our new and exciting topic is the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Within this topic, we will explore the lives of people during these times and compare them to our lives today. We will examine key events and artefacts from this time and have a go at recreating these using a range of materials.

In Science, the children will explore states of matter. The focus of chocolate will help the children to understand the tricky concepts and see reversible changes between materials.

Learning Update – Please see the curriculum overview for the year for more information

In English over the summer term, we will continue to explore a number of text types to create our own narrative with an historical theme, instructions and persuasive adverts. We will be using the texts 'Stone Age Boy' and 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' to help us generate ideas. In addition, the children will be introduced to a range of sentence structures so that they can vary their sentences to create thrilling and attention-grabbing writing.

Within Maths lessons, we will focus on fractions, shape, time and measure this term. In all topics, we will use a concrete, pictorial and abstract approach. The children will complete fluency, reasoning and problem solving tasks. Furthermore, we will continue to revise all 4 operations and methods learned throughout the year.

Reading

Reading is an opportunity for the children to build up ideas and develop a bank of vocabulary they can use in their own writing. This term, in addition to their banded reading book, all children will have a free reader book to enjoy. They will sign this book out of our class library and sign it back in when they have finished. When they sign it back in, they will need to write a recommendation about the book they have read. Please encourage your child to read this book for pleasure alongside their banded book.

Homework will continue to be issued on a Friday and need to be returned by the following Thursday.