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Advent 1

WALSINGHAM



**Welcome Back**

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a fun-filled summer holiday and that you’re ready for some exciting and challenging learning in Year Three!

**Franciscan Values**

As a school, we continue to celebrate our Franciscan heritage through our seven values – based on the Franciscan values. The seven values are: Joy, Forgiveness, Faith, Respect, Service, Peace and Stewardship. These underpin all that we do as a school. We will all strive to live out these values on a daily basis

but each class will pay close attention to their own value. In Year 3, our value is **respect**. Take some time to think,

what does respect mean? Do you know any Bible stories that promote respect? How can we show respect in our lives?

**R.E.**

**‘Come and See.’**

Our first topic in RE this term is ‘Homes’. In this topic we will explore what makes a house a home. We will discuss how God is present in every home, the advice St Paul gives in his letters about how to live as a family at home and that we are all God’s children so we must try to be like Him. Look out for our ‘Knowledge Organiser’ on the class webpage, which will help support your learning in RE.

Our second topic this half term is ‘Promises’, in which we will be thinking about the symbols and actions of baptism. We will be learning about commitments and responsibilities and how the Church family celebrates baptism. This ‘Knowledge Organiser’ can also be accessed on the class webpage. Prayer and worship remain an integral part of each day and the children are very welcome to bring in and share any prayers or books for our class prayer table.

This half term, our class liturgical prayers will take place on **Thursday 4th November**. You are welcome to join us for this at 3pm in the school hall.

**English**

**Spelling:** We are continuing with our Read, Write, Inc. spelling lessons, which will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Please encourage regular practice of the words that come home in your child’s logbook. These will be tested in a low-stakes, formative, partner-test at the end of each lesson cycle. We have introduced a further spelling lesson on a Monday morning, in which children can access the Mastery Zone on SpellingShed. This is an AI-driven tool that ensures each student’s learning is focused on the words and spelling patterns that they – individually- need to master, in order to make progress. Please encourage use of this at home!

**Writing:** In our Talk 4 Writing lessons this term, we will be creating our own list poem, followed by our own traditional tale. To add depth to our list poems, we will be learning how to use alliteration and onomatopoeic words to create sound effects, expanded noun phrases containing powerful adjectives and verbs for description, and using personification to create vivid images for the reader.

**Reading:** Firstly, thank you for your continued support with the children’s reading across the years – it is greatly appreciated! In Year 3, children are expected to read at home for a minimum of 10minutes a day every day – the more the better!

The children are delighted with our latest reading venture; Accelerated Reader! This replaces our old home reading scheme, MyBookBlog, after they announced their end this summer. Accelerated Reader is an online programme used to motivate students to increase their reading and vocabulary

comprehension. Like MyBookBlog, children are able to complete a quiz after finishing a book and can also access a variety of non-fiction articles to read! A parent introduction letter will be making its way home soon – please keep a look out for this!

As a reminder, the children should continue to utilise their reading bookmarks at home, on which they are to write down any words that they are unfamiliar with or have struggled to pronounce. We still encourage a minimum of 10 minutes home-reading every day; the more often, the better! This could be independently, to a grown-up or to a sibling.

Your child will also now have their own ‘Reading Journal’, in which they can make notes and drawings about what they have read to help assist them when taking their end of book quiz. This is for both home and school use, so please ensure that it is returned to their school bag once used.

Your child is expected to bring their home-reading book into school once a week, on a set day (which the children are aware of). This is so that teachers and teaching assistants can listen to them read and track their progress. If your child fails to bring their book two weeks in a row, you will receive a letter making you aware of this

**Maths**

In Maths this half term, we will begin with place value up to 1,000. This is followed by addition and subtraction and their formal methods. Finally, we will work on formal methods of multiplication and division towards the end of the half term. Practice on TimesTables Rockstars will help with this greatly!

On Monday afternoons at 12.40, in the Y3 classroom, all KS2 children are welcome to join Maths club to practice their times tables.

**P.E.**

The children will have two P.E. lessons each week. This half term, our PE days will be **Mondays** and **Wednesdays.** As previously, children are to come to school in their active uniform. Outdoor kit should include plain black tracksuit bottoms, yellow polo shirt, yellow sweatshirtand outdoor trainers. Please ensure all items are fully labelled! I politely ask that long hair be tied back, and earrings removed on P.E. days. Whilst we advise against it, if your child’s earrings are new and unable to be taken out, they must be taped over with surgical tape, brought in from home.

**Meet the Teacher Night**

Our annual Meet the Teacher evening is to take place on **Wednesday September 18th**. You are invited to attend this event in person in the Year 3 classroom at either **3:45pm or 4.30pm**, however if you cannot attend, the presentation slides will be emailed out also.

**Parents Evening**

Parents evening this term falls on **Wednesday 23th** & **Thursday 24th October.** The SchoolCloud link will be sent to you in good time to arrange an appointment, which is a 10-minute online slot.

**Foundation Subjects**

To see a breakdown of our foundation subjects (History, Geography, Art, D&T, RSE, Spanish & Computing) please see the curriculum overview on our class webpage.

**Homework**

As the children enter Key Stage 2, we promote responsibility for learning through weekly homework. Homework is set every Friday, due to be returned the following Friday. Homework will be sent home (and is to be returned) in their personalised homework folders. If the children do not complete or return their homework, I will provide time (outside of lessons) for them to complete the work with me. They are more than welcome to ask you for support with their homework if needed, but if substantial support was needed, please make note of this on the sheet so that I am aware of this upon return. Alternatively, overarching homework projects may be set. These will span over a few weeks/a half term and details of each project will be sent home in plenty of time.

**Twitter**

As a reminder, our class Twitter page is @stlizclass21. I recommend following this page to be kept up to date with all things Year 3. Think of it as a virtual noticeboard!

If you have any quick questions, please feel free to speak to me at the end of the school day, once all of the children have been dismissed. If, at that point, you feel you require a longer appointment, we can arrange a meeting via the school office (01773 822278). We are really looking forward to an exciting half term and a fun-filled year!

Thank you in advance for your support.

**Miss Evans**

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| **Dates For Your Diary** |
| **18.09.24** | 15:45 – 16:1516:30 –17:00 | **Meet the Teacher Event (Session 1)****Meet the Teacher Event (Session 2)**You are invited to come and meet us in the classroom to find out about the curriculum and routines in Year 2. You need only attend one of the above sessions. We will send out a copy of our presentation so do not worry if you cannot attend. |
| **27.09.24** | 14:30 – 15:30 | **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**You are invited to join other parents and members of the school community to nibble, natter and raise funds for the amazing work done by Macmillan Cancer Support. The children are invited to bring in cakes on this day to be sold and money to spend at the cake sale. We’ll be holding a raffle too!  |
| **07.10.24** | Ongoing | **Harvest Appeal Launches**Please begin to bring in donations for our Harvest Appeal. Donations will be sent to Hope for Belper Food and Community Hub. More information to follow. |
| **17.10.24** | 15:00 – 15:30 | **Harvest Celebration**You are invited to join us in the school hall for our Harvest celebrations. This will be led by our school Chaplaincy Team but all of the classes will be joining in with different elements.  |
| **18.10.24** | All Day | **Times Table Rock Star Day**We will be holding our annual relaunch of TT Rock stars. The children are invited to dress up as ‘rock stars’ on this day and we will be doing lots of maths and counting activities in class. Children should bring their PE kit to change into and ensure they have appropriate footwear. |
| **23.10.24** | 16:50 – 18:00 | **Parents’ Consultation Evening** Please look out for details from the school office about booking appointments via School Cloud. |
| **24.10.24** | 16:50 – 18:00 | **Parents’ Consultation Evening** Please look out for details from the school office about booking appointments via School Cloud. |
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