



HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 3! The children have all settled into Year 3 excellently and I am so pleased to be teaching them this year. In this letter I would like to provide you with some information you may find helpful such as routines or topics we will be covering.

Staffing

Class Teacher: Mrs Brennan

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Andrews, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Chatterton

PE Teachers: Mrs Annis and Mrs Porter

Music Teachers: Mr Lister

Art Teacher: Mrs Breakwell

French Teacher: Mrs Chatterton

Homework

Homework will go out on a Friday and should be returned the following Friday. Every half term, there will also be an unhomework, where children will have a choice of a task based on the topic in school. These will then be shared with the class at the end of each half term.

Times Tables and related division facts (2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables) will be tested regularly. Please try and allocate a few minutes daily to practise them at home as this will really help. In class we test them in a weekly written quiz (99 club).

There are some great websites out there to help with this such as Top Marks which can be found at <https://www.topmarks.co.uk> or the app 'Learn with Emile'. This can be downloaded for free



Spelling

Each week there will be spelling homework. This will either be practice on the spelling rule we have worked on in class that week or from a list of common exception words from the National Curriculum. In the front of their homework books/folders, there will be a few recommendations for ways in which your children can practise these spellings. This will go home on Friday and ask it comes back in the following Friday.

Reading

The children are encouraged to read every night; this does not have to be a whole book, it can just be a few pages. We ask that this be recorded into their reading record by an adult or themselves.

There will be the chance to change books regularly, therefore we ask that children's reading record and book come in with them every day. Reading books going home will consist of two books, one banded book and one free book choice from our library.

In the classroom, we encourage a love of reading in various ways, one way is through a reading road. Every time a child reads 3 times at home they get to move around the map. Once the child has gone all the way round, they get a prize. This reading road will change depending on the topic in school. Our first being cities in the UK!

Book as a Hook Texts

Our first topic will be Twisted Fairy Tales and our 'Book as a Hook' is The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka. This is a really exciting and engaging topic based on a story the children know, but with a twist!

In the Spring term our topics will be Rock and Roll. We will be reading Cave Girl by Abbie Longstaff and Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura, which links directly to our History topic.

In the Summer Term, our topic will be Ruthless Romans. We will be reading Escape from Pompeii, a lovely picture book. Both of these History-based topics are great for engaging learning as they can be linked to many of the other subjects including science, art, English and more. This is an aspect I am especially enthusiastic about, providing creative, cross curricular lessons to help engage all students.

Special Person

We will be choosing a special person each a week to celebrate all that is them! They will be asked to re-read and bring in their favourite book and poem, to celebrate and share with the class. They are also free to bring in any objects or photos that they feel represent them. They will then be asked to share this on a Friday afternoon with the class, where we will hear what makes them unique from themselves and their peers.

Other

PE will be a weekly session on a Tuesday morning, as well as an additional two sessions each half term, both of which will be on Mondays.



Curriculum

You will find a curriculum overview for this year on our [Year 3 page](#) on the School website.

Letters

Any letters and information sent out will be uploaded to the School Website and can be found on the ['Letters' page](#). Letters that you might need will be either on the Year 3 page, the School page, or on the Clubs page.

Finally, please do not hesitate to ask any questions following this letter, or indeed throughout the year. You can email me via the office at office@holyredeemer.worcs.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Brennan
(Class Teacher)

