Our Lady and St Patrick's RC Primary School

Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter



Class 3

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1		Hope you had an amazing Christmas. Hopefully you've been spoiled rotten and you're refreshed and raring to go again. We have some amazing topics this term so I'm really looking forward to teaching them and can't wait to see you all back. Mr Mason
	Homework	<u>Set on Google Classroom:</u> <u>Spellings:</u> Weekly spellings are set on Spelling Shed each Friday. Each week, the children receive a list of 10 words which will focus on practising new spelling rules.
		 → Weekly spelling tests take place on Fridays. → Please make sure children are practising spellings daily where possible.
		Maths: IXL activities linking to our classroom learning. Please also practise TTRockstars for times tables. There will be a weekly rockstar on display in class.
		English/Reading: A writing based task linked to the weekly spellings will be set. Children should also bring home their AR books from school and try to read daily for at least 5 minutes. They can then quiz on these in school.
		Homework will continue to be set on Class dojo on a Friday after school and be due the following Friday. I will print out sheets for children to also practice their handwriting.
	Reading for Pleasure	The Accidental Mayor by Tom McLaughlin THE Accidental DRIME MINISTER Narrated by Ben Allen McLaughlin nudged
	English	In English we will be looking at 'The Whistling Monster.' A terrifying tale about a young South American boy who wonders into the Amazon rainforest only to find himself being chased and hunted by a strange

		creature. We will be focussing on how to use dialogue in our stories with this text and adverbials to add extra information to our sentences.
2+3=5	Maths	In our maths lessons this half term we will be continuing multiplication and division with a focus on 3, 4 and 8 times tables. So get practising because we'll be moving onto column multiplication once your secure.
	RE	In this unit of RE, the children will be learning about the Christian life and journeying with Christ and sharing his way of life. We will be learning about the the Church's year which celebrates the key elements of Christ's life.
	Science	In Science we will be looking at Rocks and the formation of rock faces and fossils. How are rocks different from each other? How do gemstones form and why are they different to other types of rock? And what information can be obtained from looking into the depths of deep below the Earths surface?
	Geography	In Geography we will be looking at mountains and volcanoes. One of my favourite subject volcanoes and I can't wait to show how volcanoes erupt and mountains are formed with the children. Keep an eye on dojo for resources when we come to build our own volcanoes.
	History	Not a lead subject
	Art	In Art, we will be looking at Picasso and his abstract portraits with a view to create our own abstract portraits towards the end of the term. Asking ourselves questions along the way about why he did what he did and linking it to expressions and different pencil techniques to create detail for expression.
10	Design Technology	Not a lead subject
	RSHE	In RSHE we will be looking at an individual's relationship with others. Building on the understanding that we have been created out of love and for love, this module explores how we take this calling into our family, friendships and relationships, and teaches strategies for developing healthy relationships and keeping safe.
	PE	In PE this term we will be doing Hockey with myself and Gymnastics with Premier Education who each hold level 2 British Gymnastic qualifications so I'm looking forward to seeing some fantastic gymnastic sequences and balances.

	Computing	In Computing, we will be looking at scratch and creating algorithms to get computer programmes to do as we tell them.
	Spanish	In Spanish we will be looking at greetings, colours, numbers and general conversation.
	Music	Not a lead subject
99999999999999999999999999999999999999	Upcoming dates/events	 1st February - Year 5 and 6 to watch Matilda at TCS 9th Feb - Year 5 - Mass Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Shaldon 13th-17th Feb - Spring Half Term 20th Feb - Inset Day - School closed to children 21st & 22nd Feb - Spring parent meetings 7th Feb - Y1/2 trip to Paignton Zoo 8th Feb - Junior Speaks heats 14th Feb - Valentine's Cake Sale 2nd March - World Book Day 7th March - Junior Speaks final 17th March - St Patrick's Disco 9th March - Year 4 - Mass, Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Shaldon 28th March - Dawlish Water Rotary Quiz - Y6 31st March - Last Day of Spring term (return 17th April)
@	Teacher contact:	imason@olsp.uk Please note that teachers are teaching from 8.30am - 3.15pm. If your contact is urgent please contact the school office office@olsp.uk during the school day. There is no requirement for a teacher to reply to email or class dojo messages received after 6pm or at the weekend.