



## Diocese of Portsmouth

# ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

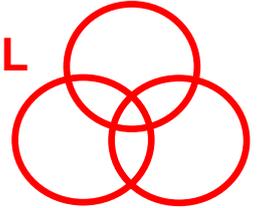
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Headteacher: Mrs M Delany-White



### Autumn Term 2020 Year 3 Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Welcome**

It is delightful to have your children back in school after this long period and to see them enjoying each other's company once again. I am excited to be your child's Year 3 teacher.

Moving into 'The Juniors' is an exciting step up from Key Stage 1 so your children will be taught to become more independent. To ensure they quickly settle into their new class routines they will be encouraged to organise themselves for lessons by remembering their reading books, homework books, reading records and PE kits.

#### **Curriculum**

##### **English**

The majority of our English work will be based on our History topic, 'Stone Age to Iron Age' to ensure the work is engaging and creative.

**Reading:** Your children will read in whole class reading sessions, sometimes individually and in weekly guided reading sessions. The main narrative text will be *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. We will also work from extracts of *Stig of the Dump* by Clive King and *Ug, Boy Genius* by Raymond Briggs. They will also read from a variety of Stone Age non-fiction books too. They will have comprehension exercises based on the texts and will be encouraged to borrow books from the Junior library. In addition, the children will need to record what they read at home, daily in their **reading records**. Please continue to read with your child every day.

**Writing:** This will also be taught through our topic and will include instructions, poetry, stories, newspaper reports, recounts and diaries.

**Handwriting:** Your child will be taught to take pride in their work and will be encouraged to produce neat, fluent, continuous cursive handwriting. <http://www.cursivewriting.org/cursive-1-fonts.html>. In Key Stage 2, we begin to reward children with pen licences when the teacher feels their handwriting is neat enough for a pen and we will have handwriting competitions every long term.

**Spellings/Phonics:** The spellings sent home will be the Year 3/4 word lists recommended by the Government and the children will be encouraged to investigate and apply them in different contexts. The majority of the spelling lists will be focused on spelling patterns. These will be sent home every Friday and tested the following





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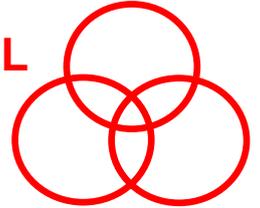
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Wednesday. You will find a spelling menu on the first page of your child's Homework book. These activities are optional and they are there to help the children practice their spellings.

**Grammar and Punctuation:** This will be taught discreetly within the topic and there will be SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) tests throughout the term.

### Maths

**Number:** Place value, addition, subtraction, division, multiplication and fractions.

**Measurement:** Measuring lengths, area, perimeter, time and money.

**Geometry:** 2D and 3D shapes.

**Statistics:** Data handling, graphs, bar charts and pictograms.

We will also focus on problem solving, investigating, reasoning and regular times tables tests. Please support your children at home with times tables. We will provide the children with login details to <https://ttrockstars.com/> so they can practice their times tables.

Your children will be working on <https://www.mymaths.co.uk/> to complete their maths homework. You can find your children's login details in their homework book. This website can also be used for practice at any time.

**Science:** The topic this term is 'Animals including Humans' with a big emphasis on skeletons, muscles and healthy eating.

**RE:** In RE, we will be learning about Creation, Prayers, Saints and Feasts and Advent.

**DT/ART:** Cave drawings/models, Stonehenge silhouette paintings, Stone Age jewellery, animal drawings, mammoth models and sketching.

**Computing:** Online safety.

**PSHCE:** Understanding our emotions.

**French:** Mrs Semple

**Music:** Mrs Semple

**PE:** Athletics and Fitness

### **School Uniform and PE kit**

Pupils are expected to have PE kit for indoor and outdoor activities, which includes footwear that is suitable for each setting. It is suggested that children **keep their PE**





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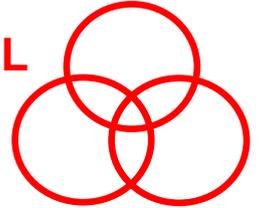
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**kits in school** all week so that they can take part in any extra physical activities that may take place at short notice.

### **Target Cards**

Your child will still have a target card for Reading, Writing, Maths and Science which will go home fortnightly on a Wednesday in order for you to have an insight into what we are doing in class and so that you can keep track of the progress your child is making. We ask that these are returned to school on **Thursday morning** so we can continue to use them in class during the week.

### **Homework**

The children will have weekly spellings and English/Maths/Science or Topic homework. Every Wednesday morning, they will be asked to hand in their Reading record and their homework book.

<b>Friday</b>	Homework and spellings given to be submitted by following Wednesday.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Spelling test Homework due in from previous week. Target cards to be sent home fortnightly and to be returned the following day. Reading Records due in.
<b>Every Day</b>	Reading and multiplication tables.

If you have any queries or if you wanted to talk to me about anything at all, please feel free to arrange a meeting with me through the school's office or contact me via the class email address: [class3@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:class3@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk)

I look forward to working with you and your children.

Kind Regards,

Ms Foukaridou

