Walk On Water

St. Paul's C of E VA Primary and Nursery School

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With God all things are possible

Year 3

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Autumn Term 1st half 2026



Welcome back to a new school year! Also welcome to Year 3! We hope you are looking forward to it as much as we are! We hope you have had a wonderful summer and have kept safe and well. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed about the curriculum we will be covering this half-term so that you can support the work that we do in class.



ENGLISH

We start the term by exploring vocabulary and looking at different ways to improve it. We will then be exploring different types of poetry. We are finishing the half-term by focusing on different pieces of writing based on an author. We will also be working hard to improve handwriting and presentation overall.

Reading

Our whole class readers for this half term are Fantastic Mr Fox, Hodgeheg and The First Drawing. It is within the context of these books that we'll be refining our comprehension skills. Please make sure that children are reading at home every day and that you record it in their link books . Children will need to stay in on a Friday for additional reading, if they have not completed this.



Spelling

Weekly spelling tests will be on Monday, with the spelling for the following week handed out on the same day. Each set of words will follow a particular rule for that week and all the words are on the statutory Year 3 spelling list.

MATHEMATICS



In maths this half term, we will be looking at place value, measurements, estimation and a final focus on addition and subtraction. We will also look at problem solving and worded questions for all topics. Times tables will be looked at every week and will be tested weekly on a Wednesday.

RE

In Year 3 we focus on Christianity and Hinduism. This half term we ask the question 'What can Christians learn from the Creation Story?' We are going to explore how the Bible encourages us to look after God's creation and discuss how Christians believe humans are made in the image of God.

MESSAGES

Please make sure PE kits and wellies are always in school.

Please ensure link books are checked and sent into school every day to ensure a speedy response to enquiries.

SCIENCE

We will be using the woodland area to enhance our scientific learning this half term. The children will make a variety of knots, design and make forts and stone age tools. It is set to be an exciting topic!



HISTORY

Our topic this half term will be called Time Travellers and relates to our study of the Stone Age. We will be following history from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, discussing changes socially and archeologically and exploring similarities and differences to our own lives.

Art:

This half term we will be learning to draw 3D shapes. We will be particularly focusing on how light affects the positioning of our shapes and how this causes shadow.



OTHER SUBJECTS

PE– PE will be on Monday (dance) and Thursday (Fundamental skills) afternoons.

Music– Music will be taught by Mrs. Sands on Wednesday afternoons.

PSHE– Me and My Relationships

COMPUTING– Touch Typing.

SPANISH— 'I'm Learning Spanish/Phonetics/Greetings'

KEY DATES FOR YEAR 3:

- Tuesday 8th September—September Birthday Church service
- Tuesday 22nd September—Fram visit
- Friday 25th September—Macmillan Coffee Morning (cake sale)
- Monday 28th September—Chiltern Open Air Museum Trip
- Friday 2nd October—Film Night
- Tuesday 6th October- October Birthday Church Service
- Friday 16th October - Individual Photos and Friends Disco
- Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October—Parents' Evenings