

# St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School



We give thanks to God, work together and always try our best.

## Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter: Summer

### Message from the Year 3 staff

Dear Parents,

It is good to see the children back in school, happy and healthy after the Easter break. We do hope you all had a wonderful Easter and are looking forward to the term ahead.

### Key dates for the Diary

SEND Café: 1<sup>st</sup> May

Mr Egypt, Egyptian Experience Day: 4<sup>th</sup> June

INSET day: 4<sup>th</sup> July

Summer Fest: 17<sup>th</sup> June 2-4pm

Y3 Mass: 19<sup>th</sup> June

Sports day: 8<sup>th</sup> July

End of term: 17<sup>th</sup> July

### Key Information

#### PE

Your child's PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. This term they will be taught tennis, cricket and athletics. Children should come into school wearing their full PE kit on these days.

#### Homework

Homework will be sent home on a Friday to be returned no later than the following Wednesday. Mrs Squares has been setting online reading and maths homework alongside weekly spellings and reading. If pupils are not able to engage with the online homework, then written homework will be set.

#### Water bottles, sun cream and sun hat.

Please ensure your child brings in a water bottle every day. Sun cream must be applied at home.

## Summer Term learning in Year Three

**RE:** This term our R.E. work focuses upon three themes: energy, choices and special places. We will explore Pentecost and the celebration of the Spirit's transforming power. In the choices topic we will explore the parable of the Prodigal Son and what it means to forgive. We will then learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In our final topic we will explore places that are special to us, or community and our church.

**Maths:** Children will continue to have daily Maths Meetings to consolidate their arithmetic and problem-solving skills. We will revisit fractions and learn how to add and subtract them. We'll cover money (any practice you can give them at home in counting out change so they recognise notes and coins would be most welcome). We look at time (Pupils should already be able to identify half past, quarter past/to and o'clock on an analogue clock. It would help if they could practice this at home, please). We will also study 2D and 3D shape and statistics.

**English:** This term we will study the books: *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman and *Egyptian Cinderella* by Shirley Climo. Pupils will be asked to write a diary entry and an adventure story. We study poetry by Wes McGee and will write simile and Metaphor poems. We continue to practise joined-up and fluent handwriting and the Year 3 grammar objectives. Spellings will be set weekly and tested each Friday.

### Other Curriculum Areas

In **Science** we will study plants: Life processes, plant structure, pollination and seed dispersal.

In **History** we will study Ancient Egypt.

In **Geography** we will study Volcanoes and Earthquakes

In **French** your child is continuing to practise every day conversational French through the story of the Four Friends.

In **R.S.H.E** your child will be learning about the trusted adults pupils can talk to. They will be made aware of appropriate and inappropriate images/content that they can view on social media and the internet. They will look at lifestyles, making good choices with relation to drugs alcohol and tobacco and the importance of first aid.

In **Design Technology** we will design, make and evaluate packaging for toys.

In **Art** we will complete our work on painting in nature by studying the art of Charles Rennie Mackintosh and designing and painting our own flower and insect designs in his style.

In **Music** the children will listen to a range of music and will then perform accurately at three different tempos on tuned instruments. They will explore melody and will sing in two parts in a round.

In **Computing** the class will finish their unit on Information Technology and complete units on Computer Networks and Media Creation