

# Year 3: Have we got news for you...



This termly newsletter is designed to ensure that you are fully aware of what your child is learning about in school and the activities and opportunities they will be given through Come and See (Religious Education), Literacy, Numeracy and Topic work. We hope this will enable you to support your child further at home with a clear knowledge of what they will be covering and discussing in school. Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Tilley & Mrs Rawsthorne

## Come and See

### Homes

(5th September - 30th September)

Explore: The joys and sorrows of being a family at home.

Learning Focus (LF) 1: God's vision for every family.

LF 2: Parents and children should love and respect one another, as God wants them to do.

LF 3: The Holy Family; Mary, Joseph and Jesus give us an example of a happy, caring family

LF 4: God is always with us

LF 5: Jesus wants us to love one another.

LF 6: We have been chosen by God to be a holy people.

Respond: Remembering, celebrating and responding to the joys and sorrows of being a family at home and God's vision for every family.

### Belonging

(10th October - 4th November)

Explore: Belonging to a group involves promises and rules.

LF1: The Sacrament of Baptism .

LF2: The welcome and celebration of the Word of God.

LF3: Litany of Saints

LF4: Commitment and Promises made at Baptism.

LF5: The Baptism and Anointing.

LF6: The giving of the white garment and the candle.

Respond: Remembering, celebrating and responding to how belonging to a group involves promises and rules and the meaning of the promises made at Baptism.

### Visitors

(14th November—21st December)

Explore: The demands and joys of visitors.

LF1: The Jesse tree

LF2: Isaiah announces the coming of God.

LF3: During Advent, the Church prepares for the visit of God in the person of Jesus.

LF4: The Annunciation and the Visitation.

LF5: The Nativity and the visit of the shepherds.

LF6: The Wise Men

Respond: Remembering, celebrating and responding to the demands and joys of visitors and Advent: waiting for the coming of Jesus.

# Literacy

## Unit 1

### **Fiction: Stories with a familiar setting**

The thought provoking story Sand Wizards by Jon Blake is the stimulus for the reading and writing activities, exploring themes of friendship and feelings in a story with a familiar setting.

### **Non-fiction: Information texts**

Non-fiction continues the setting link of the seaside with a focus on information texts about holidays and day trips.

## Unit 2

### **Fiction: Playscripts**

In this unit, the children will study a playscript, A Tune of Lies by Lou Kuenzler. In reading, the focus is on developing children's enjoyment of plays, exploring key themes. In writing, the children will become more familiar with the conventions of the script form, leading up to writing their own episodes.

### **Non-fiction: Instructions**

Non-fiction continues the theme of music with a focus on instruction texts about making musical instruments.

# Numeracy

## Year 3 Non-negotiables

### **Number:**

Consolidate mental addition and subtraction for 2-digit numbers (with and without regrouping) using a range of calculation strategies

Represent numbers to 1000 with concrete manipulatives and images, including number lines

Place value of digits in numbers with up to three digits

Derive multiplication and division equations using arrays (multiples of 2, 5 & 10)

Recognise, find and write fractions of lengths, shapes and quantities

Choose and discuss efficient calculation strategies for 3-digit addition and subtraction, emphasising using number bonds / make ten

Derive facts from known facts 'If I know..., what else do I know?' (number bonds)

Doubles & halves (continue throughout the year)

**Shape and Pattern:** Name and describe 2-D and 3-D shapes according to their properties

Describe position, direction and movement in terms of straight line movements and rotations including angles

Identify horizontal and vertical lines

**Time:** Tell the time to the nearest five minutes

**Measures:** Read scales with intervals of 2, 5, 10 and 100

**Money:** Recognise British coins and notes, using appropriate amounts to buy

Geography

UK countries

Maps of Europe

Tudor Exploration  
and discovery

Science

Forces and Magnets

PE

Effects of exercise  
on the body

Gymnastics

Dance/Drama

MFL (Spanish)

Food

Going on a  
picnic

Citizenship

Dilemmas

Friendship

Teamwork

**How did the Tudors  
change the world?**

Computing

Research

E-Safety



Art

Tudor Portraits

Hans Holbein

Research

Music

Tudor drama, dance  
and music

DT

Tudor money pouches

# Things you can do at home...

Research our topic 'How can I have a healthy lifetime?'

Practise times tables and Learn it Facts for weekly tests so that you can beat your personal best scores.

Practise handwriting in your homework books or in a personal notebook.

Practise keyword spellings for our re-test in the week beginning **28th November**

Read different kinds of texts as often as possible

Use your maths on the computer as often as you can using - 'Hit the Button' ([www. https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button)

## Recommended books...

### Autumn 1

Katie Morag books—Mairi Hedderwick  
Buried Alive—Jaqueline Wilson  
The Shrimp—Emily Smith  
School According to Humphrey—Betty G. Birney  
Judy Moody—Megan McDonald  
A Villain's Night Out—Margaret Mahy

### Autumn 2

Pippi Longstocking—Astrid Lindgren  
Sabine—Tim Kennermore  
Matilda—Roald Dahl  
The Marble Crusher—Michael Morpurgo  
Stig of the Dump—Clive King

## Useful Websites

### Suitable for Maths

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/ordering-and-sequencing-numbers>

<http://uk.ixl.com/math/year-3>

[www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk) (if your child doesn't know their password—please ask)

### Suitable for English and topic

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4\\_11/site/literacy.shtm](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/literacy.shtm)

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk>

## Important Dates

Meet the teacher: **Wednesday 28th September 2.45pm**

Judaism Week : Week beginning **3rd October**

Parents' Evenings: **Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th October**

Hinduism Week : **Week beginning 7th November**  
(Trip to Edge Lane Temple—TBC)

Christmas Fayre: **Friday 2nd December 2.20pm**

Carol Concert : **Monday 19th December 9.30am**

Christmas Party : **Tuesday 20th December**

