

# Primary 3

## September - October Newsletter 2019

**In Literacy:** We will be developing our skills in reading. The children will be focusing on developing their fluency and expression when reading aloud, scanning the text for key words. They will develop their comprehension skills by answering a variety of comprehension questions focusing on answering in full sentences.

We have been reading the Big Book 'The Smartest Giant in Town' and completing a variety of activities related to it.

We will be writing recounts of our Weekend and Our Senses Walk. We will write a Senses Poem too! Our grammar focus is punctuation - how to use capital letters and full stops correctly. We are also learning how to write on lines.

**Free Writing** - In addition to the teaching of writing genres, your children will be given greater opportunities to write freely to develop their creativity and language skills. You can practise this at home by giving your child opportunities to write freely about any topic that they want!

**In Numeracy:** We will be looking at numbers to 50 extending to 100 using the 100 square. We will be looking at the number before, after and between and how to add on 10 to a number within the 100 square. **Measure** - measuring using cubes and a variety of other equipment. **Handling Data** - collecting data about our eye colour and birthdays and representing this in a Bar Chart. We will also be learning about **2D shape** and their properties. We will focus on developing our problem solving skills through a range of activities across. We will really focus on how to solve **word problems** this term.

**Mathletics** - a superb programme for Primary 3 pupils to supplement what is happening in the classroom. Your child can carry out curriculum based work with the suggested activities and can also compete against others through 'live mathletics' - pupils can gain points for their work and these will be rewarded at our monthly assemblies.

We hope you have all had a restful summer and are ready for a busy year ahead. Here is some information about Primary Three and what to expect.

Teachers: Miss Clarke and Mrs Gould

Classroom Assistants: Mrs Hunter and Miss Dowds



### **P.E. Day:**

Mrs Gould: Wednesday

Miss Clarke: Thursday

### **Value of the Month:**

*Courtesy*

**Prayer of the Month:**

*Hail Mary*

### **To bring to school each day:**

Please remember folder, reading books and a pencil case if you child has one. Homework should be handed in on a Friday.

### **Religion:**

We follow the Grow in Love Programme for Primary 3. Workbooks will be sent home occasionally on a Wednesday for an activity to be completed and should be returned to school on Friday with your child's weekly homework.

Don't forget to sign up to SeeSaw and follow St Joseph's on Twitter!

### **World Around Us and The Arts**

Our current topic is:

#### **All About Me and The 5 Senses.**

Pupils are learning about the different parts of their bodies and the 5 Senses. They will take part in a variety of activities to further their understanding. If you have anything at home that relates to this topic, please send it in so we can add it to our class Planning Board and discuss it with the children. Or if you can help us out by coming in to talk to the children about anything related to the topic e.g. an Optician or Dentist please let Miss Clarke or Mrs Gould know! The children will also be engaged in music, drama and art activities as well as independent tasks to develop their understanding of the topic.

### **Home Learning:**

Homework will be given out on a Monday for the week. This includes Spellings, a Mental Maths focus and a Reading Focus. Please ensure your child completes his or her Homework each week and returns it on a Friday. Reading Books should also be returned on a Friday.

### **ICT:**

The children will be practising basic word processing skills (how to type a sentence in Microsoft Word and include capital letters and full stops). They will be drawing a self portrait of themselves in RM Colour Magic as part of the task 'Art Attack'. Each P3 class has 6 iPads which are permanently in the class and integrated across the curriculum. The children will explore a variety of apps including Book Creator and Green Screen. The children will also use the C2k NewsDesk!