

Welcome to Year 3



Our School Prayer

Dear Loving God,
You know each of us by name,
In your eyes we are all equal.
Help us to live and love as one global
family, sharing and caring for our
common home.
May we always help one another to be
the best we can be.
Amen
St John Fisher ... Pray for us



The Year 3 Team

Teaching Staff

St Hugh:

Mrs. Ciezarek

St Nicholas:

Ms. Sookur

Support Staff

Miss Cardazzone (St Hugh)

Miss Carella (St Nicholas)

Miss Sloan (St Nicholas)

Mrs. Filipiuk (St Nicholas)

Mrs. Lavelle (St Nicholas and St Hugh)

Specialist teachers:

Spanish

Mrs. Lovett

Music

Mrs. Reuss

Games

Mr. Walton

Daily Timings

- 8.40am – 8.50am (early morning activities)
- 8.50am – Register
- 11.00am - 11.15am – Break
- 12.15pm – 1.15pm – Lunch
- 3.15pm – Finish

Class timetables can be found on Google Classroom under Classwork -> Key Information

Equipment

PE & Games: Children must come to school **wearing their PE kit** on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**.

Water bottles: Please provide your child with a named water bottle to be brought in and cleaned at home each day. Remind your child to refill these during break or lunchtime.

Fruit or vegetable snack: Lunch is not until 12:15 for Year 3. Please provide your child with a fruit or vegetable snack for breaktime.


Coats: Please check the weather forecast daily to ensure your child is dressed suitably when travelling to and from school.

Pencil Cases: - The school has provided a pencil case for each pupil, containing pencils, a ruler, an eraser, glue stick and a small selection of colouring pencils. Pencil cases must remain in school and you should provide your child with their own sharpener.

Use of toilet facilities: ideally during break rather than lessons - if there is any issue with this please let us know.

Medicines: Please ensure any medicines are given to the office with a note signed by parent/carer. Please make sure all asthma inhalers and epi-pens are all up to date – they will be kept in the office.

Year 3 - Autumn Term

CURRICULUM NOTES FOR PARENTS	
YEAR 3	AUTUMN TERM
HISTORY As historians we will study the following topic: Across The Ages We will be studying the settlement changes of the prehistoric ages including Stone, Bronze and Iron Age and how they lived with the resources available.	GEOGRAPHY As geographers we will study the following topic: Living in the UK The children will be investigating our local area. In particular, about the physical and human features of our surroundings and developing map reading skills.
MATHS Place value: 100s, 10s and 1s. Numbers up to 1000. Find 1, 10, and 100 more and less. Addition and subtraction: Using mental and written methods to solve problems (including missing numbers), estimate & check Multiplication and Division: Using mental and written methods to solve problems. Times Tables: Please practise these regularly during the week.	ENGLISH Talk for Writing The children will study and analyse a model text before planning and writing their own: persuasive letter, explanation about a fantasy creature, character transformation tale and poetry. Grammar: Nouns, adjectives, adverbs Preposition, conjunction, subordinate clause, introduction to paragraphs, adverbial starters. Spellings Phonics revision, Year 3/4 spelling lists.
SCIENCE As scientists we will study the following topic: Light and shadows. Exploring light, shadows, reflection and the movement of the sun throughout the day. Animals including humans. Exploring how animals including humans need different types of nutrition. Identifying skeletal bones and muscles.	ART & DESIGN As artists and designers we will study the following topics: Food: Eating seasonally. Discovering when and where fruits and vegetables are grown. Learning about seasonality in the UK, the relationship between the colour of fruits/vegetables and their health benefits. Prehistoric art: Learning how and why art was created thousands of years ago. Replicating painting techniques from the past.
PE As active learners we will study: Gymnastics: Learn, practise and perform a series of moves. Swimming: Learn and develop swimming skills and water safety. Invasion games: Moving in space, develop teamwork and tactics.	PSHE & RSE As active citizens we will learn about: Being Me in My World Help others feel welcome, rights and responsibilities, caring about others, choices and actions. Celebration Difference Accepting differences, include others, solve problems, how to give and receive compliments.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Themes: Domestic church; families, Baptisms/Confirmation; belonging; Advent; loving. Topics will include: Homes, Promises and Visitors Big Questions linked to these topics: What makes a house a home? Why make promises? 	COMPUTING As digital citizens we will study the following topics: We are programmers In this unit, children will learn to use PowerPoint presentation and research information on a particular topic. We are web fiends In this unit, children create a presentation about themselves (earliest memories, interests and hobbies).
SPANISH As global learners we will study: Common greetings, vowels, numbers up to 20. Colours, pencil case items, there is/are phrases and Christmas.	MUSIC As musicians we will learn about: Recorders Pupils will be introduced to the recorder, start to read of formal notation, and play and sing with an awareness of pitch, rhythm and pitch.

Curriculum notes will be available for you to view on the school website later this week.

Topics this term include:

Persuasive letters; explanations (English)

Addition & subtraction; Multiplication & division.

Light & Shadows; Animals including humans (Science)

Living In the UK (Geography)

Across The Ages (History)

Networks; Online Safety (Computing)

Food: Eating seasonally; Prehistoric art (Art & Design)

Circuit training ;Tennis (Spring term); Invasion games (PE)

Home Learning

Home learning is provided via Google Classroom. Please complete and upload/submit a picture as per the activity's instructions.

News, messages and events will be posted on the Stream on Google Classroom.

Home learning will be given on a **Friday** each week and is due the following **Friday**.

The requirements for Year 3 are as follows:

Daily reading: 10–15 minutes This can include either a school book or a text of your own choice.

Spellings: posted on Google Classroom to be learned for a **test each Friday**.

Maths and English home learning will be given on alternate weeks: approximately 30 minutes

Home School Agreement



St John Fisher R C
Primary School

Love, Learn, Achieve



Home-School Agreement
2023 - 2024

Please click [here](#) to access the 'Home School Agreement' on the school website.

Please note that all parents will be asked to read and 'sign' the home/school agreement via means of a Google form.

Home reading

Pupils will bring home 2 books **every Friday**:

Guiding reading book

Book of own choice from class library - promoting reading for pleasure.

Both books should be returned to school by the **following Wednesday** so that they can be reallocated.

Pupils should have a backpack in which to carry the books to and from school

Telling the time

Please give your child the opportunity to revise telling the time and to solve time problems on an analogue clock.

For example:

- “What time is it now? How many minutes/hours is it till lunchtime?”
- “If bedtime is at 7 o’clock and it is now half past 6, how much longer until you go to bed?”

Children can wear a watch to school if they wish.





Parish Family

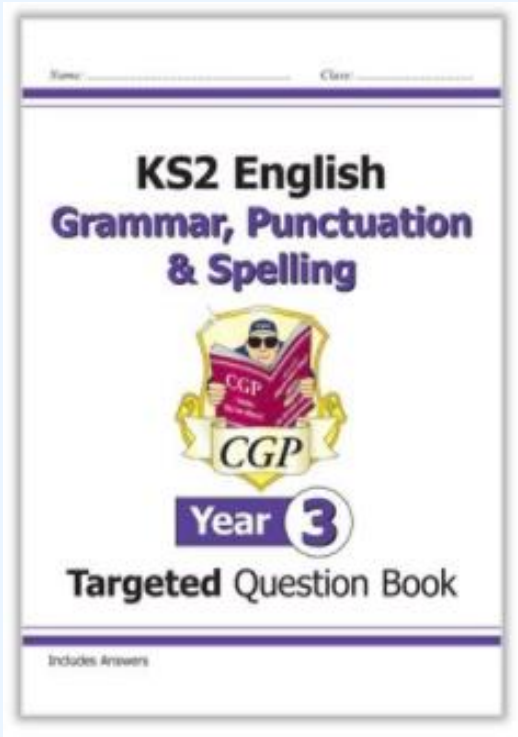
- As a Catholic school we belong to the parish of St John Fisher. It is important that the children take an active role in the church community.
- Most Catholic pupils make their First Holy Communion during Year 3 in their respective parishes.
- Any questions regarding the sacraments of Reconciliation or Holy Communion please contact St John Fisher Church.

English Curriculum

A very important part of the curriculum for English is the emphasis placed on grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS).

In order to help your child practise the skills taught, we are asking parents to contribute towards a workbook which presents the content in a lively and engaging manner. It costs £6.50 in shops but if bought through school will only cost **£3.75**. You can do this on Parent Pay and we ask that you do so by **Friday 22nd September**.

This book is to be used to support lessons in school and not designed to be worked through independently.



Education Well-being Practitioners



Our EWP's are a fantastic team of clinical psychologists, who deliver free online and in-house parent workshops, as well as individual programmes to support parents of children who are:

- showing signs of anxiety or worry (separation, fears, returning to school etc.)
- showing behavioural difficulties (bedtime routines, following instructions, struggling to regulate reactions etc.)

Our EWPs work directly with parents and carers. The program consists of up to 8 sessions with the parent/carer. These provide strategies and tools to help parents and carers support their child and feel more confident in responding to their child's behaviour.

For more information and to find a self-referral form, please visit the school website following the pathway: Parents & Carers > Well-being for All

Or click on this [link](#).

What is the PUPIL PREMIUM?

- The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011.
- It is additional funding allocated to schools to support pupils who have been registered for free school meals, for children who have been “ looked after” continuously for more than six months and for children of service personnel.
- This funding is given to schools to help raise achievement of children who require additional support with their learning and or emotional development and who fulfil any of the above criteria.
- SJF use the funding in many ways which includes additional 1:1 support, booster sessions, funding trips, additional lunchtime clubs and emotional literacy support. These initiatives regularly benefit all pupils not just those in receipt of pupil premium funding.

The link to the Pupil Premium form will be in this week’s headlines, and is also below:

[self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil Premium and Free School Meals application](http://self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil_Premium_and_Free_School_Meals_application)

UNIVERSAL SCHOOL DINNERS

From September 2023, all primary age children (Reception to Year 6) will be entitled to free school dinners.

Primary school children in state-funded schools in London will get free school meals for the 2023/24 school year. The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan is providing the funding as an emergency cost of living support measure.

The meals will help families with the spiralling cost of living by making sure that children in state-funded London schools will receive free school meals in this academic year.

The introduction of universal free school meals for the 2023/24 academic year could save families upwards of £440 per child.



Parents' Forum



- The Parents' Forum is made up of at least 2 'class reps' from each class.
- Meetings are held remotely once per term in the evening.
- The purpose of Parents' Forum is to provide a useful and productive link between school and parents; updating about events and consulting on future plans.
- Class rep positions are self-nominated and open to anyone who is able to spare the time to attend meetings and is willing to make themselves known to parents from the rest of their child/children's class.
- The role of a 'rep' is to help to foster friendly, welcoming and helpful relationships between the parents and carers of children in that particular class/year group; to liaise with school regarding support and help at fundraising events – and in doing so support the work of the PTFA.
- **As a school community we rely on the help and support of all our parents and carers. Becoming a parent rep one way of supporting our school community to work together to achieve the very best for all.**
- **Further information about how to express your interest in becoming a parent rep will follow in due course.**

Contacting Us

If you have any queries or concerns, the Year 3 email address is available to parents. We will aim to respond to urgent enquiries within 48 hours and all other queries within one week.

year3@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk

As we are unable to check emails during the school day, for issues that require our immediate attention please contact the school office by telephone. You may also contact them via email: **school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk**

Important dates

Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October via Google Meet.

October 20th is an INSET day.

Class Assemblies and Masses:

St Hugh Class Assembly – 13th October 2023

St Nicholas Assembly – 19th January 2024

St Hugh Class Mass – 30th January 2024

St Nicholas Mass – 21st June 2024

To add the school calendar to your Google calendar click [here](#) and then click on the + symbol.

Educational Visits

16th October – Wimbledon Bookfest (Wimbledon High School)

9th November - Into Film Festival - cinema visit (Vue Fulham Broadway)

Thank you for your time.

**We are looking forward to the coming
year!**