



ST.THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

September 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians, A huge welcome back to a new school year. This term and next term in Year 3 we will be studying the following topics: -

Focused Topic Work	We will continue to foster a creative curriculum approach to our learning. For the first two terms our focus will be on science and will encapsulate, Art and Design and Computing.
Bones, Bones, Bones and healthy lifestyles	The children will learn that humans and some other animals have skeletons. They will learn about the different types of skeletons and the main body parts associated with the skeleton and muscles. They will explore the structure and the role of the skeleton in both humans and animals and the different types of skeletons too. They will then move on to the role of muscles for support, protection and how they affect movement. We will continue to identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; but receive nutrition from what they eat. We will research different food groups and how they keep us healthy as well as designing healthy meals.
Light	This unit gives children the opportunity to recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. They will learn that shadows are formed when light from a source is blocked and recognise that shadows are similar shapes to the objects forming them. Through investigation they will learn to make predictions about shadows formed by different objects and make careful observations and measurements of shadows throughout the day. They will also explore what might cause the shadows to change.
P.E. GAMES DANCE	Every Tuesday the children will take part in games. In term 1 we will focus on multiskills. Please remember to provide your child with the appropriate kit for outdoor games. They will need to be prepared for the colder weather (track suit/ jumper) and are allowed trainers/ football boots. In each Dance session the children will learn to use improvisation; design their own dance moves; link and combine movements; perform with expression; respond to different stimulus and create and perform a dance phrase applying their newly developed skills.
Maths	This term we will be addressing any gaps in learning and focussing on Place Value and learn formal methods for addition and subtraction and explore missing number problems. We will continue to recall multiplication and division facts and there is a huge emphasis on learning times tables for weekly tests too. Next term we will focus on the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and divisions within a problem solving and maths reasoning context. Please support your child to learn their times tables. We will have a weekly times tables test, every Thursday.
English	This term and next term we will explore poetry and the children will write their own poems. They will also write letters, explore a playscript and write their own diary entries. We will continue to be a huge emphasis upon reading in class in terms of individual, guided reading and comprehension sessions. Therefore, it is imperative that you read with your child daily to help them to further develop their reading skills. More importantly share a bedtime story with them which will foster a love of books as reading is a gift that you give to your children because in a world full of media gadgets there is no 'App to replace your lap'.

Homework books will be sent home every Thursday and must be returned by the following Monday.

Number bonds and Times tables tests will take place every Thursday and spelling tests will take place every Monday. P.E is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Kind Regards Mrs Hurrell



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