

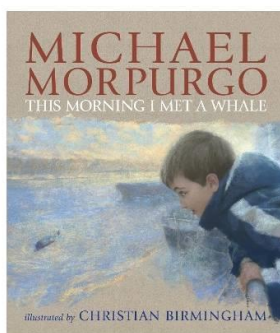


Year 3 Curriculum Overview for Parents Autumn 2 2024

What will your child be learning this half term?

Whole class reading -

The focus book for our writing this half term will be the contemporary text by Michael Morpurgo, 'This Morning I Met A Whale'. The story was inspired by the story of a whale that showed up in the River Thames in January 2006.



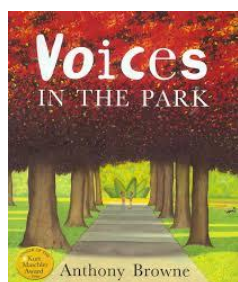
Religious Education (R.E.) -

During this half term we will be focussing on Reconciliation, choices and the difference between right and wrong. We will link this to the Church's teachings about forgiveness and involve different parables from the Bible including Zaccheaus and the Prodigal Son. The children will also learn about the Sacraments of Reconciliation and how this is the Church celebration of forgiveness.

As we approach the end of the half term, we will welcome the season of Advent and the preparations for the arrival of Jesus. This will include the Annunciation and impact Jesus' arrival had on Mary. We will also look at our own preparations for the coming of Jesus in school, the Church and our own families.

Writing - The children will write a non-chronological report about whales as part of the first few weeks of the half term.

The children will also write a play script based on our second text of the half term, *Voices in the Park*, where the same short story of visiting a park is told from four different character's perspective.



Maths - This half term we will have a heavy focus on multiplication and division. We will initially begin by exploring multiplication as *groups*



of, e.g. 4 groups of 3 is. This will dominate our early lessons of the half term. We will progress to division and sharing a number equally, e.g. share 16 equally 4 times.

A key element of our focus in Maths will be developing understanding of mathematical language and skills needed to break down more complex word problems to solve multiplication and division problems.

Our grammar focus will be - Making sure children are consistently using capital letters at the start of **all** sentences and for proper nouns e.g. Paris, Thursday.

Mental Maths -

This half term we will looking at:

continuing counting backwards from a number. We will also continue to develop our understanding of multiplication and division

We will also focus on the use of full stops and writing in simple and compound sentences.	facts linked to the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. Our focus is on knowing and calculating these facts with speed and accuracy to develop fluency. Please help your child to practise these at home.
Geography - Our Topic is: Mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes The children will learn about the earth and what it is made of. We will develop understanding of the following geographical knowledge: • what fold mountains are • how volcanoes are made • how earthquakes happen • what happens when a volcano erupts and when an earthquake occurs? • how can we protect against earthquakes?	Science - In science this half term the children will learn all about healthy living. This starts with an understanding that us, as humans cannot make their own food like plants do. We will also look at different types of food that we eat, the seven main food groups, diet - balanced, healthy and unhealthy. This will be linked to one of the key terms in the topic; nutrients and how this links to a healthy lifestyle. 
Physical Education (P.E.) This half term the children will have PE on Mondays and Tuesdays. Children will need kit both days to participate in lessons with Mr Davies.  Physical Education	French - A circle of life in French In this topic the children will be using their dictionary skills to develop their animal vocabulary and habitat names. They will be building sentences and completing food chains to apply this vocabulary in writing. This unit has cross-curricular links with Science.
Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) - This half term the children will learn about the importance of Remembrance Day and think about how we can 'Choose Respect' during Anti-Bullying Week. They will spend time learning about 'Money matters' and find out about Christmas traditions around the world.	Design & Technology - In our D&T lessons this half term we will be linking our learning of healthy eating in Science to create a healthy lunchbox! We will explore different types of breads from around the world and what may be a good choice to use for a sandwich - this will include taste testing! 
Computing - The children will develop their understanding and use of the online system of Scratch. Children will learn about the different elements of the program and put their learning into practice by using their own commands to make the program follow these in sequences to give the desired outputs.	Music - In our music lessons with Miss Scoines, we will be listening to recorded music and will decide which instruments are our favourites. We will also continue to develop our Ensemble skills through practical performance using a range of instruments including: keyboards, glockenspiels, drums and steel pans.

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<u>Additional important information</u> <u>Homework in Year 3</u> • Children are expected to read every day for 15 - 20 minutes - please sign your child's planner and feel free to add a comment after completing this reading time together. • Mental Maths - we will be focussing on our 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10x tables, as well as working on counting backwards from a number. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to me at the end of the school day or contact the school office to make an appointment. Mr Black and Mrs Rasool <u>Important Dates</u> Friday 22nd November - Individual school Photographs. Monday 25th November - Year 3 Stone Age Day in school Monday 2nd December - St Andrew's Day celebration - children in St Andrew's House come to school in own clothes. Tuesday 3rd December - Whole School Advent Mass in school at 2.30pm - parents welcome Thursday 5th December - Beauty & The Beast at The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton. Friday 6th December - Year 3 DT Day Wednesday 11th December - School Christmas Dinner Friday 13th December - Christmas Dress up Day - Christmas jumpers / dresses etc. Friday 13th December - Christmas Fair in school hall 3.30pm - 4.30pm Tuesday 17th December - KS2 Carol Service in church at 2pm - families welcome Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Craft Afternoon Thursday 19th December - Christmas Party afternoon Friday 20th December - Culture Day Friday 20th December - Break up! Tuesday 7th January 2025 - Children return to school.
