



## Curriculum Newsletter for St Clare -Year 2/3

2021-2022

Half Term 1

We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer! We have had a really enjoyable first week back. It has been lovely spending time getting to know each and every one of your children. The children are settling well into their class and school routines. We have loved the different questions children are thinking of in our lessons as well as the pride and effort they are taking in their work. We are absolutely thrilled to be teaching your children and are very excited about the year ahead and all it will bring!

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office. Thank you in advance for your support.

Miss Li, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Carslaw

### Maths

#### Year 2

**Place value and numbers to 100** This unit focuses on reading and understanding numbers to 100. The children will use their growing understanding of place value to help them sort, compare and order numbers. Within this unit, children will revise their understanding of different representations of numbers.



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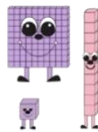
#### **Addition & subtraction**

Children will consolidate their previous work on number bonds and apply it to number bonds within 20 and to 20 in this unit. Children are introduced to writing fact families of equations, and to relating addition and subtraction operations. Children will also be introduced to the concept of 'make 10' to aid mental calculations. Children are introduced to the column method which they will use throughout their time at school, applying the mental strategies appropriately.

#### Year 3

#### **Place value and numbers to 1000**

Children begin with learning how to count in 100s. They will learn that a 3-digit number is made up of some 100s, 10s and 1s and they will be able to represent this in many ways (for example, on a place value grid with counters or in a part-whole model). They will extend the number line to 1,000 and know where different numbers lie. They will compare and order 3-digit numbers as well as count in 50s

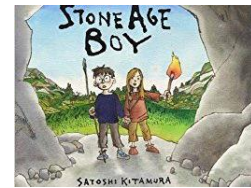


#### **Addition & subtraction**

Children explore additions and subtractions gradually, beginning with adding and subtracting 1s, until by the end of the unit they are adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers. This unit prepares children to understand these calculations in formal methods.

### English

#### Writing



We will be exploring this term's current topic, the Stone Age with our class book, 'The Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. The children will work towards writing their very own fantasy adventure stories from another character's perspective. The children will also examine different topic themed instructional texts including How to Make a Stone Age Axe. The children will also write their own diary entries a child living in the Bronze Age. Alongside our English units, the children will focus on verb tenses, noun phrases, subordinate clauses and conjunctions.

#### Reading

Our class will be developing their reading skills through weekly guided reading sessions with a teacher. The children will also be joining their year group for Phonics teaching.

## RE

### Our Year 2 topic for this term is, "Chosen People"



- To know that we are chosen by God.
- To know about the stories of Abraham, Moses and Daniel.
- To understand what we can learn from the stories of Abraham, Moses and Daniel.

- To explore how we can be more like important figures from these stories.

### Our Year 3 topic for this term is, "The Christian Family"

- To know that we are all part of God's Family.
- To explore what it means to be part of God's Family.
- To understand how families help each other.
- To learn about the signs, symbols and meaning of Baptism.



## PE

### This term we are focusing on two topics: Football and gymnastics.



In our football sessions, the children will develop their dribbling and passing techniques. They will really focus on using the correct part of the foot to execute these tricky skills.

In gymnastics sessions, the children will become increasingly competent and confident extending their agility, balance and coordination. They will be focusing on developing flexibility, strength, technique and control.

We will also continue with our Daily Active Challenge, carrying out ten minutes of activity time on non PE days for physical and mental benefits.

## Curriculum- Our topic for this term is "Through the Ages".

**History-** The children will learn about British prehistory from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, including changes to people and lifestyle caused by ingenuity, invention and technological advancement.

**Geography-** The children will learn about the location of important archaeological sites around the UK including Skara Brae in the Orkneys.

**Computing-** The children will become confident at using logging in and using computer applications which will enhance their learning including Bug Club and Times Tables Rockstars.

**Art & DT-** The children will learn about colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing. It includes an exploration of tertiary colours, warm and cool colours, complementary colours and analogous colours, and how artists use colour in their artwork.

**Science** –We will be covering the importance for humans to eat the right types and amounts of different nutrients. of in order to live healthily.

**Music-** Our unit of work is focused around an R&B song, Let Your Spirit Fly by Joanna Mangona. The children will listen to and appraise Let Your Spirit Fly and other songs, carry out musical activities to build their knowledge and understanding and finally build up to performing a song.

**French-** Children in Year 3 will begin having weekly French lessons based on La Jolie Ronde French scheme.

We will let you know about homework in due course. For now, we kindly ask that you read with your children, support them in their learning of multiplication facts and assist them in their handwriting and letter formation.

Reading books will come home daily and will be changed twice weekly. Mrs Carslaw will note which day on the front of your child's reading record book. The children must finish their books to have them changed, please can you try to write a comment in their reading record book.

### To help your child at home, you could:

- Read to your child.
- Listen to your child read and ask questions about what they have read.
- Practice times tables and division facts using TT Rock-stars.
- By the end of the school year, Year 2s should be able to recall multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables whilst the Year 3s should have mastered the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables

