



What we are Learning in Year 3

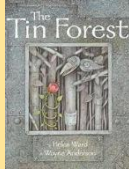
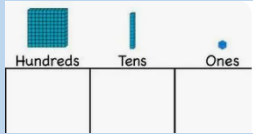
September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves as your Year 3 teachers. Miss Postolan will teach on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday while Mrs McDonald will teach on a Friday. Mrs Brady will be supporting our class throughout the week. We have put together some information that you may find useful as you support your child this half term.

Many thanks

Year 3 Team

ADVENT 1		Key Vocabulary
ENGLISH Using the beautiful picture book 'The Tin Forest' by Graham Baker-Smith we will be learning to develop our sentences to create imagery for the reader. In grammar, we will be securing our sentence structure, ensuring our sentences are punctuated correctly and are grammatically accurate.		Main Clause Subject Predicate Expanded noun phrase Preposition
MATHS Place Value followed by Addition and Subtraction Represent and partition numbers to 100 and 1,000 Compare and order numbers to 1,000 Count in 50s Add and subtract two numbers with and without exchanges Use the inverse operation e.g. I know $30 + 40 = 70$ so $70 - 30 = 40$ Complements to 100 e.g. $50 + 50$ / $30 + 70$ / $80 + 20$ etc		Hundreds Partition Compare Exchange Order Inverse operation Complements
RE – Creation and Covenant We will explore the Creation story and what it means to be made in God's image. Inspired by Pope Francis' <i>Fratelli Tutti</i> , we will learn that everyone is equal and part of one family and think about how we can care for each other and God's creation.		Genesis Equality Stewardship Fratelli Tutti Canticle
Science – Plants We will learn about the different parts of plants and their functions and understand how plants are pollinated. Whilst going on a walk around the school grounds to collect seeds we will learn how different seeds are dispersed.		Transport Pollination Anther Seed dispersal Seed formation
GEOGRAPHY - Volcanoes We will explore what makes the Earth angry and the natural phenomenon of volcanoes including how they are formed and where they are located.		Magma Crust Mantle Vent Tectonic Plates Erupt Dormant Extinct

PSHE - I am made and loved by God

- Explore what contributes to their identity
- Know some gender stereo types
- Understand that there are rules that ensure a community is successful
- Know that the way we feel is affected by everyday things and strategies to respond to our feelings.
- Be able to identify different types of relationships and how care is shown in these relationships



Security
Identity
Faith
Stability
Emotions
Strategy
Challenges
Care
Commitment
Relationship
Community

MUSIC

We will have weekly music sessions delivered by music specialists from Our Lady of Lourdes, who will cover a variety of objectives from the music curriculum including: singing, reading notation, improvising and performing. This year we will also learn to play the recorder.



READING



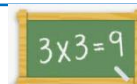
Your child is expected to read at least 3 times a week at home, with 3 entries written in their Reading Diary. This year, some entries can be written by your child themselves, but the entries must show understanding of what they have read. Entries could be linked to their favourite/least favourite character, something they found exciting, funny or unexpected, language features they've spotted, a prediction about what might happen next or a review once a book has been finished.



Homework will be set each Thursday and is due to be returned by the following Thursday.

Spellings will be given out and tested on a Friday.

MATHS



Times Tables: Please encourage your child to practise their times tables on a daily basis - even on the way to/from school. They should already have instant recall of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, and this term we will begin learning the 3 and 4 times table. Times tables will be tested on a regular basis to develop fluency.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



This half term, PE will take place on **Monday** afternoons. This year children **must come to school dressed in their PE kits** which they will stay in all day. This is to ensure no learning time is lost.

Winter Kit: plain navy jogging bottoms, plain white t-shirt, navy jumper/sweatshirt and trainers

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 9th September	Welcome Mass (In School) 9.15am– parents welcome
Wednesday 7th October	INSET DAY
Wednesday 14th October	Parents meetings-Times to follow
Friday 16th October	Last day of school (break up for two weeks - October half term)