

Year 3 Curriculum Overview

<h2>English</h2> <p>Spelling – Weekly spelling tests linked to 'Emile' spelling programme and the Year 3 and 4 common exception words.</p> <p>Grammar and Punctuation – Pupils will continue to practise their use of basic punctuation (full-stops, capital letters, question marks, exclamation marks, commas) as well as beginning to use inverted commas. They will build upon their understanding of adjectives, verbs, nouns and adverbs.</p> <p>Writing – Pupils will learn the features of adventure stories, folk tales, fantasy stories and performance poetry. They will develop their skills in writing diary entries, character/setting descriptions, persuasive writing, and the use of speech.</p> <p>Chosen Texts – Stone Soup (Heather Forest), Stone Age Boy (Satoshi Kitamura) poetry by Roger McGough, Flat Stanley (Jeff Brown) and The Polar Express (Chris Van Allsburg).</p>	 <h2>Autumn Term 2025</h2>
<h2>Religious Education</h2> <p>Creation & Covenant Children will revisit and remember the first Creation story from Genesis and encounter the belief that human beings are made 'in the image of God'. Children will also describe stewardship by making simple links between Genesis 1:26-31 and people's actions today.</p> <p>Prophecy & Promise Children explore two key themes: the structure of the Mass and the Nativity in St Matthew's Gospel. They will focus on the Liturgy of the Word, learning how Christians gather, listen to Scripture, and respond in faith, linking this to Creation themes such as gift and rest. They also study Matthew's account of the Nativity, recognising Jesus as the fulfilment of Jewish prophecy and the long-awaited Messiah. This topic helps deepen children's understanding of the Mass and how Scripture is lived and celebrated in the Church, while respecting the diverse experiences pupils bring.</p>	<h2>Science</h2> <p>The children will be learning how to be 'Rock Detectives' exploring the properties of common rocks and investigating scientific language to describe them. In the second half term, we will find out about 'Forces and Magnets', learning about forces including pushes and pulls, friction and magnetism.</p>
<h2>Music</h2> <p>This term's focus is 'Happy C major'. The children will: Learn the song 'Let Your Spirit Fly'. Learn to perform and compose in C major using the Glockenspiel.</p>	<h2>PE & Sport</h2> <p>The children will be recapping on the fundamental skills of sending/throwing. They will practise sending the ball in different directions, knowing the different types of throw and when to use them. This will include team games and developing balance.</p>
	<h2>History</h2> <p>Prehistoric Britain: In History, we will be learning about the Stone Age with a focus on the changes over time, including living conditions, daily life, hunting and cooking and changes over time including their impact.</p> <p>We will then move on to learning about how metal was made in The Bronze Age and how people's houses changed – the children get to make their own round-houses from clay!</p> <p>The final unit of learning for prehistoric Britain will be about the Iron Age. Children will learn about the changes and improvements in tools and farming when iron was introduced and how people became settled farmers, living on hillforts for protection from other tribes.</p>
	<h2>Computing</h2> <p>Coding The children will explore how to create an animation using Purple Mash. They will learn what a flowchart is and how it is used for computer programming.</p> <p>Touch Typing: Children will use Purple Mash to begin to familiarise themselves with the keyboard.</p> <p>Online Safety Lessons focusing on how we can use the internet safely and what Apps are appropriate for their age</p>
	<h2>PSHE</h2> <p>In PSHE the children will be thinking about their relationships with others, how they can begin to solve problems for themselves and valuing differences.</p> <h2>Design & Technology</h2> <p>In D&T, the children will focus on the 'structure' unit by designing and making a wooden photo-frame from balsa wood. They will learn how to measure and cut wood safely and join their frame together to make stable and free-standing.</p> <h2>Art & Design</h2> <p>In Art, the children will develop colour mixing and blending skills with pastels and paint to create representations of Stonehenge.</p> <h2>Rich experiences/trips</h2> <p>The children will take part in a Stone Age workshop to support their understanding of this period in history.</p> <p>The children will visit St George's Catholic Church and speak with the priest about baptism and the objects used.</p>