

Year 3 Newsletter Spring Term

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a peaceful, safe and enjoyable Christmas break and a happy new year!

R.E.

We will be covering three new topics this **Journeys, Listening and Sharing** and **Giving**.

The Christian life is about **journeying** with Christ and sharing his way of life. The Church's year celebrates the key. The Church's celebrations are community occasions. On Sundays, the parish family gathers together. It is a time to remember how much there is to celebrate; a time to say thank you; a time to know that God's love is offered and made visible here and now in Jesus and in people. Sacraments are more formal special moments: signs of 'God-with-us', who **journeys** with his people; signs of strength and blessing for life.

The Eucharistic celebration consists of two parts. The first part is the Liturgy of the Word, where Christians **listen** to God's Word in the readings, **listen** to the homily and the prayers of the Faithful. The second part of the celebration is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Here the gifts are prepared, the Eucharistic prayer expresses thanksgiving and Communion is shared.

Lent is the season when Christians practise both **giving** and giving-up, to identify with the complete self-offering of Jesus which is remembered in the liturgy of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil). In his Gospel, Matthew makes it clear that in loving and caring for other people we are loving and caring for Jesus.

TOPICS

Our question for our first half-term is, 'Were the Romans really rotten?' We are exploring the Roman impact on Britain and investigating the different things they left behind. We will look at the past and how this has affected our lives today.

We have so much to cram into this short term! Our main book that we will be studying this half term is 'Escape from Pompeii', we will be learning how to punctuate direct speech, and teach the children to develop their writing, using prepositions and much more!



This will be a very busy term, including many events, such as;

8th January 2018	School re-opens for Spring Term	26th February 2018	School reopens after half term
12th January 2018	PTA coffee Morning	28th February and 1st March 2018	One Life
16th January 2018	New Year Mass	2nd March 2018	World Book Day
14th February 2018	Ash Wednesday	14th and 15th March 2018	Parents evening
16th February 2018	Fitness Friday	20th March 2018	Lenten Mass
16th February 2018	School closes for half term	30th March 2018	Good Friday, School closed for Easter

HOMEWORK

Homework will go home every week on Fridays. The work will range from practice maths questions, mental maths, reading, punctuation, spelling and research tasks for our writing the following week. We ask that you check your child's work and initial it before it comes back to school. It is also expected that children in **Year 3 should read every night for 10-15 minutes** (including reading aloud) at least 5 times a week, and will be asking you to record their reading in the diaries on a daily basis. Daily reading is proven to have a huge impact on a child's academic progress so we do hope you support us in fostering a love of books for your child.

P.E., swimming and Uniform

We will not be partaking in PE this term but children need to have a PE kit in school. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate P.E. kit in school every day. This should consist of a white t shirt, black or navy shorts and plimsolls. The children may have an additional black or navy blue tracksuit in school for outdoor P.E. **Please ensure all kit is labelled with their name.**

Please also make sure your child is in full school uniform every day which includes following school policy for hairstyles. If you have any questions or queries regarding school policy you can find it on the school website.

YEAR 3 TEAM

We look forward to meeting you at all our upcoming events. However, should you wish to speak to any of us, at any time, we will always be available for you to make an appointment to see us after school.

May we thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to a successful and enjoyable Spring Term.

The Year 3 Team

Mrs Jackson, Miss Westbrook, Mr. Soper and Mrs Sunley