



## AUTUMN -TERM NEWS

### DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL.

#### Events:

- Thursday 14th September—Mass and Retreat Day
- Thursday 14th September—E-Safety workshop 2.30pm
- Friday 15th September—photographs (Individual and Sibling)
- Thursday 21st September Cake Sale—Y6 and Y2 and Reading Workshop at 2.40pm
- Friday 29th September -St Teresa's Feast Day
- W/C Monday 2nd October—Little Way Week
- Monday 2nd October Chaplaincy Team Mass
- Tuesday 3rd October/Wednesday 4th October- Parents evening. 3.30pm-6.00pm
- **Wednesday 5th October—Trip to Nottingham Castle (Parent helpers needed—please contact the office)**
- *Wednesday 18th October—Choral Speaking at 9.15am (TBC)*
- Friday 20th October - French Friday
- **Friday 20th October-half term.**
- **Monday 6th November—School reopens**
- Monday 13th —Friday 17th November—Anti-Bullying Week
- Tuesday 14th November – Remembrance Day/ Peace Day
- W/C Monday 20th November—Other Faiths Week
- Friday 8th December—Panto
- *Christmas Carols at Nottingham Cathedral (4th or 14th December—TBC)*
- Monday 11th December—Drumming Concert at 2pm
- Tuesday 12th December—Yr3 Christmas Play in school at 9.15am
- Thursday 22nd December—Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
- Friday 22nd December—Fitness Friday
- **Friday 22nd December—last day of the Autumn term.**

#### WELCOME BACK

Welcome to year 3! We think year 3 is one of the most exciting years at St Teresa's and we are so excited to begin a new year with you! This year you will go swimming, learn to play the recorder, participate in singing and go on some exciting trips with our topic work. We hope you have had a peaceful, safe and enjoyable Summer and are rested and ready for the fun and challenges ahead!

#### RE— Come and See

We will be covering three new topics this term which are: Family, Promises (Baptism/Confirmation and Belonging) and Visitors (Advent/Christmas and Loving).



In our first topic we explore how God is present in every home. This is expressed in the love that binds the family together within the home through good and bad times. For Christians, the pattern and ideal of family and a happy home life is found in the Scriptures. God is the loving parent of the human family and Jesus was born and lived in a human family.

Next, we explore Promises. Here we look at Baptism, Confirmation and Belonging. Our lives are marked by many different experiences of being welcomed into new situations and groups. The promises made at Baptism and Confirmation are the call to a new way of life. At Baptism and Confirmation people are welcomed and initiated into the Christian Church and supported in responding to God's call.

Finally, Advent is a time when we appreciate the love in our lives and prepare to celebrate love becoming a reality in the person of Jesus. He was not a passing visitor, but one who comes to dwell among us. Christians at Christmas celebrate the gift of Jesus, given by God as a sign and expression of God's love.

#### WHY IS ORION AFRAID OF THE DARK?

Our question for our first half-term is, 'Why was Orion afraid of the dark?' For this we will be using the book, 'Orion and the Dark' by Oliver Jeffers. It is a wonderful picture book all about overcoming fears and being brave. Our Science and humanities will link to this, using the question 'Can you find your way in the dark?'. We will look at light and shadow, investigating how light travels and how shadows are made and how they change. Our Humanities topic this term will focus on the differences between cities and villages.



## Homework

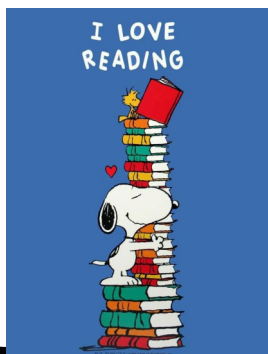
Homework will go home every week on Friday. It will always have spellings and timetables and one other task.

Homework is due back on a Thursday.

It is expected that children in Year 3 should read aloud every night **covering 10 pages of their book**, and we ask you to record their reading in the diaries on a daily basis. **Children must have a minimum of 5 nights reading recorded in their diaries each Monday morning.**

Children will also bring home a 'Reading for pleasure' book.

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.



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## Times tables

Times tables are an essential part of our math curriculum and children are expected to learn the assigned times table each week. We will start with revision of our 10, 5 and 2 times tables, then progress to our 3 times tables this term. There will be a weekly test to monitor progress and rewards given where progress is being demonstrated. To help your child at home please remind them to use **Times Tables Rock Stars** as this will benefit them greatly.

## Swimming

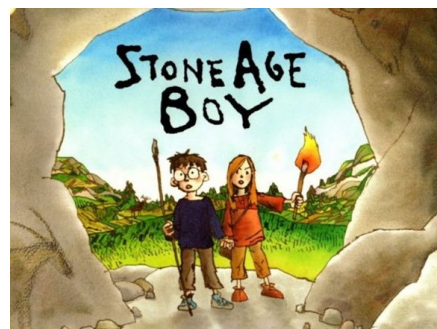
*Swimming will take place on Friday afternoons and children will walk to Harvey Hadden each week. Boys must wear neat fitting trunks with NO POCKETS and girls a one-piece swim suit, it is compulsory for girls to wear a swimming hat during the lessons, and without one they will not be able to take part. You can buy swimming hats at the school office or online. Goggles are not permitted during lessons unless a letter of permission has been sent. Swimschool strongly recommends that children do not learn to swim in goggles at first, to overcome any fears they might have of getting their face wet.*



## Did the Stone Age Rock ?

After the two week half term we will return to school and try to answer the question, 'Does the Stone Age rock?' This is one of our History topics where we will use research skills to discover new and exciting information about the Stone Age.

In Science, we will learn about the value and importance of a balanced diet and how our bodies work and move.



## Year 3 Team

We look forward to meeting you all at our upcoming events. We believe that happy children learn best, so if you need to speak to any of us, at any time, you are always welcome to make an appointment to see us after school by ringing the school office. Alternatively, if it is something small you need to share with us, please let us know by writing a quick note in your child's organiser.

**Please send a Break Time Snack of fruit or a plain biscuit as these are not provided from year 3 onwards.**

We look forward to a successful and enjoyable year with you all, and are excited for all the fun adventures we have planned.

The Year 3 Team

Mrs Sinclair, Miss Baker & Mr Balchin



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