

## Routines

**PE** - Children need to come to school in their PE kits on a Tuesday and a Friday. Swimming is on a Friday for 3MW and 3C until February half term, so please provide a kit- trunks (not lose or long shorts)/ full costume (no bikinis); hat; goggles; towel; no earrings please. Earrings must be taken out before your child comes to school. These rules are Sefton Swimming Association rules, not school's or Crosby baths. 3CL and 3A will go swimming after February half term. This term's PE will be Fundamentals and Ball Skills.

## Homework

**Spellings** – This term, spellings will be sent home on a hard copy each Wednesday and these should also be accessed on Spelling Shed, via the school website using your child's login. On line, there are games linked to the spellings on the hard copy, which are a really good way of practising the spellings. Please help your child practise these along with their cursive handwriting.

**Maths** - Fluent in 5 arithmetic questions will be handed out each Wednesday and are to be returned the following Wednesday.

**Handwriting** – A handwriting booklet will be provided for you to help your child practise little and often.

**Reading Books** – Some children have a scheme reading book. Please share the book with them, hearing your child read as often as possible. Your child will also have chosen a class library book, which you should share with them every night. Scheme books will be sent home on a Tuesday and should be returned to school each day and will be changed the following Monday. There will be some children who either are, or will soon be, free readers and will be able to choose a book from the class library or a book from home. Please share these books and listen to your child read in the same way as you would share a scheme book. Look out for extracts from our Reading Mastery sessions in your child's book wallet. These can be shared or listened to.

## *Helping at home*

In order to help your child this year, please read with them, and to them, as often as possible, because hearing stories has a positive impact on children's ability to read and write. You will receive guidance on how to read with your child at the forthcoming Meet the Teacher event. Complete the Reading Record and return it to school every day. Please keep books in your child's book bag, which needs to come in and out of school every day.

Encourage your child to write about things that interest them. Provide opportunities for cursive handwriting practice. In school, we have free writing book, where the children either write about a subject given to them by the class teacher, or whatever they would like to write. This may be something you could set up at home. It is designed to encourage children to write freely without worrying about making mistakes.

To support and develop your child's mathematical fluency, encourage problem solving and investigation skills, using real life application. Count forwards and backwards from random numbers in ones, twos, fives, tens, threes and hundreds, to consolidate learning and improve efficiency in addition and subtraction. The learning of times tables for 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 (in that order) will be ongoing. Using the school website, your child will be given a log in and password to use at home. This will mean that children can access the sites such as Purple Mash, Manga High and Times Table Rockstars.

# Year Three Curriculum Brochure Autumn 2024



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## Parents as Partners

This information will give you an idea of the work covered over this term. It will suggest activities that you can carry out at home, things to do and where you can go to find more information.

## Religious Education

Creation and Covenant – Children will learn about the Christian belief that all that exists comes from God, the Creator, who Christians call Father, and that this belief is found in Scripture and the prayers of the Catholic Church.

Prophecy and Promise - Pupils will begin to understand the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her importance to Christians.

**English** - the children will be focusing on a number of books this term including:

Reading for Pleasure – where the children are taught to browse, develop preferences and experience the sheer joy of reading.

My Beautiful Voice and poems by Joseph Coelho.- looking at the themes and issues in the book; writing new adventures for the main character; creating our own poems.

Non-fiction texts – analysing non-fiction texts and creating our own text linked to our geography topic on Crosby.

'How the Grinch Stole Christmas' – the children will find evidence of how and why the Grinch stole Christmas and create a set of instructions accordingly.

## Mathematics

Place value

- Numbers to 1000
- Counting in 100s, 10s, 1s and 50s
- Counting in 4s and 8s
- Number patterns

Addition and subtraction

Multiplication and division.

**Science- Animals, including humans** – children will learn about the food groups, the foods they are found in and how these replenish the body. Children will learn about the skeleton and how muscles work.

Forces and Magnets – children will learn how magnets attract and repel different materials. They will also compare how things move on different surfaces.

**Music-** the children will be following the Charanga music scheme, encouraging them to explore composition, pitch, rhythm and tone.

**MFL (Modern Foreign Languages)-** the children will be taught basic Spanish words and phrases.

**History-** Ancient Egypt- Gods and Goddesses/Archaeology/ Tutankhamun's Artefacts and life on and around the River Nile.

**Geography-** a local study of Crosby, how the settlement has developed over time and what facilities are available. As part of this work, children will be taking part in a field trip to Crosby village.

**Art/ Design Technology-** the children will explore and experiment with a range of techniques using collage materials to 'paint with scissors' and learn about the artist Henri Matisse. Linked to science, the children will be creating a healthy snack.

**Computing-** the children will be learning how to stay safe on the internet and how computer systems and networks work.

**FINDING OUT MORE:** The following websites may be of interest to you:

[www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/interactives/history/egypt](http://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/interactives/history/egypt)  
[www.activityvillage.co.uk](http://www.activityvillage.co.uk)  
[www.ancientegypt.co.uk](http://www.ancientegypt.co.uk)  
[www.theatkinson.co.uk/whats-on/](http://www.theatkinson.co.uk/whats-on/)

<http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/wml/>  
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

## Housekeeping

All school belongings should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

As children are no longer provided with a free fruit snack at playtime, we would encourage them to bring a healthy snack from home.

Your child's water bottle should be clearly labelled and brought into school every day. The children are encouraged to drink water often throughout the day to stay hydrated.

We are extremely grateful for your support.

Kind regards,

The Year Three Team.