

# YEAR 3 AUTUMN 1

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2023



"Happy together in God's family,  
we love, grow and learn."

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back! We hope you all had a restful summer and that the children are ready to begin their first half term as they begin their fantastic Key Stage 2 journey. I could not be more delighted to have such a lovely bunch of Year 3s in my class this year. I have really enjoyed getting to know everyone, both on our transition days and during our first week back in school. We are going to have the most wonderful year, filled with learning and laughter — I'm determined to make it their best one yet. We are very lucky to have Miss Roberts working with us to support us this half term, and Mr Lewandowski will be delivering PE lessons on Tuesday afternoons.

In English this half term, we will be studying *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. Melding science fiction with fairy-tale, it tells the story of a gigantic metal robot who appears out of nowhere, crashing onto the beach and shattering into many parts. Following this, we will be delving into the life and stories of bestselling author Matt Haigh, focusing on the Truth Pixie series of books which have been thoroughly enjoyed by previous classes. Within English, we will be building towards developing creative pieces of writing such as character descriptions, narratives, recounts and a newspaper report. We will be focusing on selecting high quality vocabulary and identifying word classes including nouns, adjectives and verbs. In addition, reading sessions will enable children to practise retrieving key information and making inferences of details both stated and implied.

In maths this half term, we will be looking at place value, addition and subtraction. In place value, we will be developing our conceptual understanding through comparing and ordering numbers and using this knowledge to reason. There will be a problem solving and reasoning focus within each lesson so as to apply what we have learnt. We will also have a short session each week working on arithmetic, mental maths and times table skills.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please visit our website to see our knowledge organisers. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. My door is always open! Let the adventure begin...

Mrs Brooke



### Important Days

**Daily:** Reading books and reading records are needed

**Tuesday:** PE lesson (come in PE kit)

**Friday:** Spelling Test

### Important Dates

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 4pm**  
Year 3 curriculum parent meeting via Zoom

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**  
Science Dome visiting Year 3

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
Open the Book

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Individual photographs

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September**  
11am  
Family Mass in church

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**  
9:30am  
Year 3 and Year 6 Mass in church

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**  
2:30pm  
Macmillan Coffee Morning

**WB Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**  
Whole school 'Ready Steady Read' sponsored read

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**  
Rosary Day

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2:30pm**  
Harvest Festival

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**  
9:15am  
Year 3 class assembly

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October**  
Parents Evening 4 – 6:30pm

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October**  
School closes for half term

