

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Year 3 – Spring Term (1st half)



I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and some time to relax. On behalf of myself and the Cherry team, I would just like to say a big thank you for all the very kind gifts that we all received for Christmas. You were very generous and they were very much appreciated. Thank you.

Please see attached our topic overview accompanying this letter.

Year 3 home learning

Subject	Set on Google Classroom	Due in	Frequency
Spellings Common exception words	Friday	There will be a spelling test every Friday, testing the spellings from the previous week.	Weekly
Maths	Friday	Wednesday	Weekly
Topic	Friday	Wednesday	As required
Reading	<p>We expect the children to read at home daily. Daily practice can really support your child's progress.</p> <p>This term, your child will start to take responsibility for changing their book when they have finished it. If they are on Accelerated Reader, they will quiz on that book to check their understanding. It is important that they read the books sent home from school, as we monitor their progress with these quizzes. They have a login in the back of their Yellow Reading Records which they use in school. During Year 3, we support your child to become more independent with completing a test when they have finished reading their book. In class, there will be more independent quiet reading time, where we will encourage the children to write in their yellow books to say which page they have read up to.</p> <p>Although we are encouraging more independent reading, it is also essential that your child continues to read at home to an adult. In Year 3, as the books begin to become more challenging it is important that they share their reading with you to support their understanding. Please record this in the reading record. If there is not a comment to inform us that the child had read the book at home, then it may not be changed. Thank you for your support with this. Your child's book can also only be changed if we have the reading book and Yellow Reading Record together. In Cherry Class, we regularly collect the reading records in, so that we can check and comment.</p> <p>As part of your reading routine, you can support your child by asking questions about the book. E.g. How is Lucy feeling when...? What do you think will happen next? Can you discuss your favourite words and phrases?</p>		

Reminders

School lunch and snacks	<p>If you would like your child to have a school dinner, please see the school website for the menu and order these through Parent Pay or alternatively they can bring a packed lunch.</p> <p>We promote healthy eating at school and so lunch boxes should not contain more than one chocolate snack and one packet of crisps.</p> <p>Children are welcome to bring fresh fruit or vegetables for a snack at break time.</p> <p>We are a nut free school. We have children with potentially fatal nut allergies in school, therefore no food containing nuts may be sent into school.</p>
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Drinks	Your child must have a named water bottle in school every day. Please only send in water, no juice or fizzy is allowed.
Uniform	Please ensure all uniform is clearly named. Grey trousers or shorts, Grey skirt or pinafore dress, white or grey socks, Grey tights, White polo shirt, Green logo school sweatshirt or cardigan. Warm weather option – green and white gingham dress (dress with shorts instead of skirt is acceptable) Hair past shoulder length must be tied back – please use plain hairbands in green, black or white, not brightly coloured bows. Nail varnish is not allowed. School shoes must be black and no heels, trainers or boots.
PE kit	This term, your child needs to come to school in their P.E kit on a Wednesday. They will stay in it for the day so do not need to bring their uniform. Green t-shirt with school logo, black shorts, black or navy jogging bottoms and trainers. All kit must be named and in a named bag. Ear rings must be removed or covered with tape for PE lessons. Watches must be removed for PE.
Bags	Year 3 need to bring their book bag into school daily. This is so books can easily be checked and letters put in. Children can have a bag or rucksack in school but please avoid the large bulky ones as rucksacks can take up a lot of room in the class.
Mornings	School starts promptly at 8.55am. The children begin their learning at this time so please ensure that your child arrives promptly. Your child will be greeted at the patio gate by an adult. Please only pass on quick messages then, for a longer meeting please make an appointment. Children and parents arriving after 8.55am will be asked to sign in at the office.
After school	School finishes at 3.30pm. If someone other than yourself is collecting your child please ensure the office has their details and that I am informed. We will not let them leave unless we are sure they are safe.
Contact details	Please ensure your contact details and those of other people who may collect your child are always kept up to date. Please see the office asap if you change your phone number or address.

Swimming

For the whole of the Spring Term, we will be going swimming. This will start from Friday 13th January. A separate letter will be sent about this.

Teaching assistants

The teaching assistants working in Cherry Class this half-term are Miss Weston and Miss Cowdrey.

We recognise the importance of passing information between parents and school so I am available at the start and end of the day if you need to pass on any messages over the fence. If you need to speak to me at the end of the day, please wait until I have seen all of the children out safely. If you would like a longer chat, please make an appointment. You can speak to me in the morning or email the school office to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Rowe