



Welcome to Year 3 September 2024

Welcome to Year 3!

I hope you and the children have all had a lovely holiday and are well rested; ready for the year ahead. We have lots of lovely things planned for the children and some great topics for them to get their teeth stuck into. In Science, we will be learning about Rocks and in Geography we will be learning about the UK. Our Religion topic this half term is 'Creation and Covenant' and in PSHE we will be looking at 'Being Me in My World'.

PE— We will be having PE on a Wednesday and Thursday so the children will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days. PE will be starting on Thursday 5th September.

Home learning — The children will be given home learning once a week. It will be set on Seesaw by Friday at the latest and it will be either English or Maths. Please return this on Seesaw by the following Friday. This week your child will be given a TTRS password. This should be used to practice throughout the week. Spellings will be set on EdShed and Seesaw each week and will be tested on Friday.

Reading Books — At Holy Family we feel that reading for pleasure is so important to create a love for reading now and in later life. As well as your child's reading book it would be great if you could share books together at home each week. It could be you reading to your children or sharing the reading between you. The children will change their reading books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday but if their book is a longer one they are more than welcome to keep it for longer. Even if you are keeping the book for a little longer, please still sign their reading record because if they read three times per week they can still be entered for the reading prize draw.

Our school values are at the heart of everything we do in class and incorporate them into every aspect of the curriculum. Each Friday we have a values assembly which provides an opportunity to celebrate the children who have been spotted following our values throughout the week.

Our class timetable varies each week depending on different activities that have been planned around school. We plan to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum for our children throughout the week.

In the morning when the children come into class there will be a morning task waiting for them on the board. Photographs of the children during the school day will be shared through the week on Seesaw. Please follow us on Twitter too!

Diary Dates for Year

NOVEMBER

- 4th** 3.30pm—4.30pm Book Look
- 6th** 3.30pm—4.30pm Book Look
- 27th** 3.30pm—6.30pm Parents Evening
- 28th** 3.30pm—6.30pm Parents Evening

DECEMBER

- 12th** Christmas Dinner—Children can wear own clothes and Christmas jumpers

MARCH

- 3rd** 3.30pm—4.30pm Book Look
- 5th** 3.30pm—4.30pm Book Look

APRIL

- 2nd** 3.30pm—6.30pm Parents Evening
- 3rd** 3.30pm—6.30pm Parents Evening

JUNE

- 24th** Our Class Assembly

Having a Growth Mindset

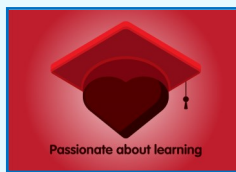
One of our School Values is '**Growing our Hearts and Minds**'. New learning can be a challenge for children. Please don't worry if your child comes home and is finding their new year a little tricky! We say if they feel uncomfortable then they are having a '**wobble**', which is good. We like them to be in the **learning pit** as that means they are learning something new. We will do gradual steps to support them in progressing their learning – but we encourage **independence** and **perseverance** as much as possible



Our Expectations

At Holy Family, we have established clear expectations to which children are encouraged to aspire. All adults are expected to model the behaviour we expect from the children. Staff will remain calm when dealing with behavioural issues. We believe that emphasising positive behaviour in school will marginalise poor behaviour. A well-managed environment will encourage children to fulfil the Catholic values in their own behaviour.

Our expectations are expressed in the form of our four **School Values**:



Accomplish BIG Things With a GROWTH MINDSET!

Success Begins With Believing You Can

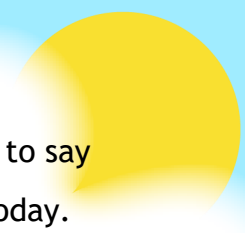
Instead of Thinking...	Think This...
I can't do it.	I'm still learning. I'll keep trying!
I'm not good at this.	What can I learn to get better at this?
It's good enough.	Is this the best I can do?
It's too hard.	With more practice it will get easier!
I'm afraid of making a mistake.	Mistakes are how I learn & get better!
They are better at it than I am.	What can I learn from them?
I don't know how.	I can learn how!
I can't make this any better.	I can always find ways to improve!
I don't like challenges.	Challenges make me better!
I give up.	I'll try a different way!

How can you help?

- Make sure your child arrives **by 8.55am** ready to learn and collected at **3.15pm**
- Remind them of what they will need; water bottle, reading book
- They are wearing their PE kit if it is a PE day
- Read at home at least 3 times a week
- Help them to access TTRS regularly
- Use EdShed to learn weekly spellings
- Remind them of how to be safe online and what to do if they are worried about something online

Class Prayers

End of day Prayer



Dear Lord,
God our Father, we come to say
Thank you for your love today.
Thank you for my family
And all the things you do for me. Guard me
in the dark of night
And in the morning send your light.
Amen

Special Educational Needs

If you have a concern about your child, please arrange to meet with me to discuss.

Personal Provision Plans

Plans have been handed up to me. We will work on the targets this half term and review with parents at a meeting in late October, early November.

Our **SEND**CO is **Mrs Clark**. She works on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

We have information regarding our Special Educational Needs offer on our website:

www.holyfamilysalemoor.co.uk/send

I am really looking forward to teaching your children this year and getting to know you and the children over the next few weeks.

