Termly Curriculum Overview

Year 3 – Autumn 2026

All Saints Catholic Academy Trust

English

- We will begin the term by reading 'Mini Rabbit Not Lost', which will help the children to write for entertaining purposes.
- Using 'Dr Xargle's Book of Earth Hounds', the children will develop their construction of sentences including building vocabulary and use of conjunctions.
- The children will develop their comprehension, vocabulary and creative expression skills through the narrative text, 'The Bear and the Piano.'
- Through the text 'Walk with a Wolf' children will develop their instruction writing skills.
- 'Finger Eater' by Dick King Smith will support learning on descriptive writing and creating narratives.

Science

- The first topic we will dive into is rocks, exploring the different types and formations. Through hands-on activities, we will discover how the different types of rocks and fossils are made.
- After half term, we will be learning about light and shadow and how the absence of light is dark. We will be investigating reflective, opaque and translucent materials.

PSHE/ RSE

As a class, we will discuss rules, expectations and emotional regulation that helps us adjust to a new school year. We will complete units on emotional wellbeing, personal relationships, life online and living as part of a community,

French

Year 3 will learn to greet people in French and hold a basic conversation. In addition, the children will learn basic phrases and the numbers 1-10 in French.

History, Geography, Computing, Art and Design & Technology

- This half term in history, we will be exploring the Shang Dynasty, investigating what life was like in Ancient China.
- After half term in geography, we will be focusing on 'Cities', where we will explore a variety of cities across the UK.
- In computing, children will be learning how to programme sprites in Scratch to complete a variety of actions. They will also learn how to programme sounds and create different backgrounds.
- In art, the children will explore and make collages. We will look at the work of artist Paul Klee and create self-portraits.
- In design and technology, we will be using our 3D shape knowledge to help design and create a Christmas present box using a net.

Physical Education

- Before half term, children will learn how to bat and field in their cricket unit. Also, they will complete a unit in fundamentals, in which they will develop their balance, speed, agility and control in a variety of games.
- After half term, in our dance unit, pupils will choreograph to different music and themes. Finally, in our football unit, we will be practicing passing, dribbling and defending.

Music

In Music, Year 3 will have the opportunity to play musical instruments, developing their understanding of the pentatonic scale. They will build their musical vocabulary and prepare for the Christmas carol concert.

Mathematics

- The children will build a strong numerical foundation, ensuring they have a good understanding of the place value of numbers to 1000. Children will learn the value of digits and how to compare and order numbers up to 1000.
- After that we will explore addition and subtraction. It is important the children secure a range of mental and written methods to help them add and subtract efficiently.
- After half term we will start multiplication and division, developing our understanding of mental and written methods.
- In times tables, we will be revising those learnt in Year 2 (2s, 5s and 10s). We will then learn the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. The aim is for children to be able to recall the answers to those times tables within six seconds.

Religious Education

- In our Creation & Covenant unit children will explore the first account of Creation in Genesis as a powerful poetic narrative that reveals Christian beliefs about God as Creator. The children will learn that all Creation is a gift from God, declared 'good' and blessed, including humanity, made in the image and likeness of God.
- In our Prophecy & Promise unit children will learn about the structure of the Mass and the Nativity in St Matthew's Gospel. They will recognise Jesus as the fulfilment of Jewish prophecy and the long-awaited Messiah

Homework

- **Maths:** Homework is set to consolidate skills taught in class. Sent out on a Friday to be returned the following Friday.
- **Spellings:** New spellings set on Friday, followed by a weekly test in class on Friday.
- **Reading:** To be practiced 4 x weekly for 10 minutes. Books are due in to school on Thursday, new books will be sent home on Fridays. Please sign the Reading Record weekly.
- **Times tables:** Practice times tables on Times Tables Rockstars for 10 mins x 3 times weekly.