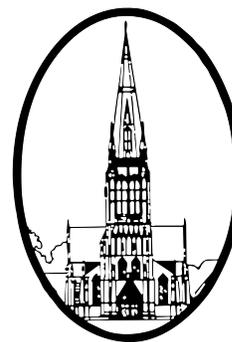


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*'Through God's love, we strive to be  
the best we can be.'*

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Year 3. I hope you had a lovely summer and are ready for a new and exciting year of learning. This year we are lucky to have Mr Clark in our classroom who is currently completing his teacher training.

Your child's topic this half term will be

**Forces and Magnets**

*Focus: Science*

Year 3 will be starting their new topic this week 'Forces and Magnets'. Children will learn about magnetic forces, investigate how magnets attract or repel each other and sort materials according to whether they are magnetic or not.

Here is an overview of the topics that will be covered in the other curriculum areas.

Literacy	The first book we will be reading is Fox by Margaret Wild.  The children will be learning how to: - Form inferences and make predictions -Write narratives that describe setting and characters * Spelling, punctuation and grammar will continue to be taught throughout the term.
Maths	- Place value - Addition & subtraction - Multiplication and division - Measures - Money - Time
PE	-Team games and gymnastics
PHSCE	-New beginnings
RE	Buddhism -Buddhist symbols -The eight-fold path -Where Buddhists practice their faith -The Sangha
Spanish	Conversational Spanish
Music	Children will have the opportunity to learn recorder this year. They will need to bring their recorder to school every Wednesday.

## PE

Your child will have PE twice a week and will need to bring a PE kit on these days. Children will have indoor PE on Tuesday and outdoor on Thursday. Please ensure your child comes to school with their PE kit. This should include: a white t-shirt and black shorts/leggings or jogging bottoms and a pair of suitable trainers/plimsolls. Please do not send children to school wearing their kits.

## Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out every Friday and returned the following Thursday. We will commence this within the next few weeks.

## Reading

We expect that your child reads on a daily basis for 10 – 20 minutes and that you sign your child's reading log every day to say that they have done this. Please can you discuss the plot and characters as well as the meaning of new words children encounter. This will help to develop comprehension skills.

## Times Tables

By the end of Year 3, children are expected to know all of their times tables (1 -12) off by heart and their related division facts. We have lots of practicing to do!

For example:

$$2 \times 5 = 10$$

$$5 \times 2 = 10$$

$$10 \text{ divided by } 2 = 5$$

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Please ensure your child practises these times tables on a daily basis as part of their homework routine.

## Drinking water and fruit.

We encourage children to drink water throughout the day. Please ensure your child has a **named** water bottle in school. They can either bring this home each day or leave it at school and refill it each morning. Children are also encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit to eat at break time.

Finally, I would just like to remind you that the school gates open at 8.50am each morning and that your child should be settled in class by 9am when learning starts. We will be practising handwriting each morning so it is vital that your children are on time. Please remember that the school day ends at 3.30pm and that children must be collected on time. Children will be returned to parents individually by me each day except on Wednesday when they will be dismissed by Mrs Ordon. It is important that staff are able to prepare lessons and attend staff meetings directly after school; therefore parents of children that are collected late will be fined £10.

I look forward to working with you all during what I'm sure will be a successful school term. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and talk to me in the playground after school or make an appointment with me, at the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Francis