



ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

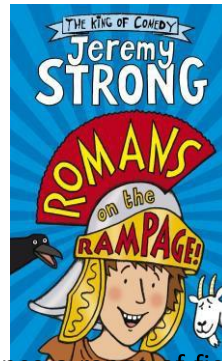
Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter: Summer term



We hope that this helps you to understand and talk with your child about the learning that will be taking place this half term.

ENGLISH – reading

Our novels for this term are class is the hilarious 'Romans on the Rampage', by the King of children's comedy, Jeremy Strong. This links into our History topic.



In our reading comprehension sessions, the children also experience a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, based on a range of subjects relating to the whole curriculum and to special events.

Please continue to read the book sent home from school with your child at least four times a week.

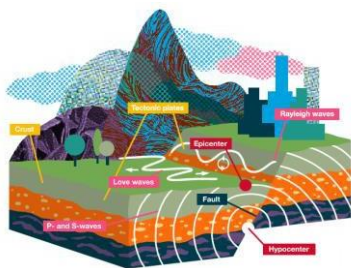
Read Theory continues to be our English homework and is a fantastic way of developing children's comprehension skills at their own level.

ENGLISH – writing

We base the teaching of our writing on the language and structure found in quality texts.

Persuasive writing:

The children will be learning about structures and language features that can be found in persuasive texts. They will then apply these to their own persuasive piece of writing linked to our Geography topic on volcanoes and earthquakes.



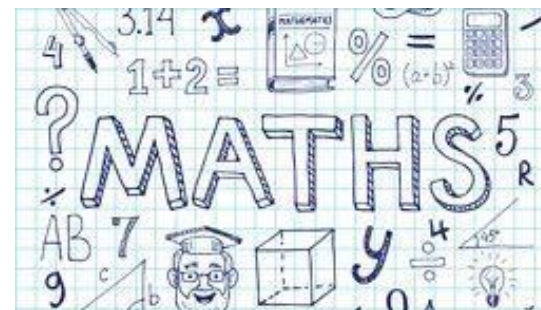
GRAMMAR:

We will continue to build on and expand upon the children's knowledge of grammar, looking especially this term at:

- Punctuating direct speech
- The present perfect tense

SPELLINGS:

- Words with the suffix 'er'
- Words where the digraph 'ch' makes a 'k' sound
- Words ending in 'gue' and 'que'
- Words where the digraph 'sc' makes a 's' sound
- Words that are homophones



This half term we will cover the following topics:

- **Money**
- **Time**
- **Shape**
- **Statistics**

For each topic, we work through the following sequence, encouraging the mastery approach in Maths which helps the children to apply their knowledge:

1. We practise the skill.
2. We link the skill to questions involving reasoning and problem solving.

You can view our calculation policy on the school website, which may help you to understand how we teach Maths in school.

<https://www.spcj.co.uk/letters/> We will also complete weekly basic skills sessions, which help the children to practise core mathematical skills

Maths homework is set weekly on Seesaw and TT RockStars. Please ask your class teacher if you need a new login.

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Here are our topics for this half term:

Branch 5-To the Ends of the Earth

In this branch, pupils will look at how Mass today mirrors Mass celebrated by the first disciples. The first historical account of Mass is in St Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Pupils will begin to explore the mystery of the Holy Trinity in more depth, though as it is a mystery, it is not something that can be explained or understood.

Branch 6- Dialogue and Encounter

In this branch, pupils will look at other faiths; Judaism and Islam. They will look at Judaism in more depth as they will already have been exposed to some traditions and stories, such as the Passover.

PSHE

Promoting physical and mental wellbeing is central to our curriculum approach and forms part of our daily life within school.

KEEPING SAFE ONLINE:

In this topic, we learn about safety rules and risks relating to online interactions, in an age appropriate way for our pupils.

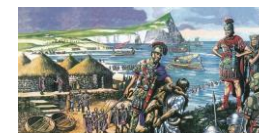
KEEPING MONEY SAFE:

In this topic, we learn about how and where we can keep our money safe.

HISTORY

'What happened when the Romans came?'

Following on the chronology already covered in Year 3, the children will investigate how the Roman invasion revolutionised life in Iron Age Britain. They will think about the reasons for invasion, how the British tribes reacted, what life was like for a Roman soldier in Britain and also consider the impact the invasion had on day to day life, culture and on the infrastructure of the country.



This term, we will be:

Studying **PLANTS**. We will learn about role of different parts of a plant, such as the stem, roots and leaves, as well as considering the vital things a plant needs in order to grow. We will then move onto studying the life cycle of a plant.

GEOGRAPHY

'Can the Earth shake, rattle and roll?'

This unit explores earthquakes and volcanoes! The children will discover what causes these natural occurrences, as well as considering what life is like if you live near an area in which they may be found.



SPANISH

In the first half of term, our specialist Spanish teacher will be teaching the children sentence structures that they can use to express their opinions. This will then be linked to new learning on the vocabulary of different sports.

"Nos gusta aprender español en St Paul's."

PE

'Athletics'

Summer is on its way and we will be learning and developing their basic running, jumping and throwing techniques.

'Swimming'

Each class will swim once a week for 3-4 weeks this term as part of the national curriculum requirements. The first half of the term, 3G and 3C will swim, followed by 3T and 3D in the second half term.

If you have any questions about our curriculum, or any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks,

The Year 3 teaching team:

Mrs Thomson, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Garrity and Mrs. Lewis