

"AS A FAMILY WE LIVE, LOVE, LEARN AND CELEBRATE WITH JESUS."

Welcome to Year 3

Teacher: Miss Fox

Teaching Assistant: Miss Oudnie



About me...

- I'm 32 years old.
- I have lived in WGC for most of my life, having grown up in central London.
- I'm passionate about reading and developing reading for pleasure.
- I have taught in Year 3, Year 2, and Reception.
- Previously I was cabin crew for 8 years, and I have also worked at Great Ormond Street Hospital as a Play Worker.



Year 3 is important because...

- It is a new key stage
- Children make their First Holy Communion
- We learn new school routines
- Children continue to develop different maths strategies and develop their stamina in writing.
- The children take part in whole class guided reading.
- Children begin to have more choice surrounding their reading, when they become free readers.
- Children begin to learn a modern foreign language French.



Behaviour

As parents you have made a positive choice in sending your child to The Holy Family School. Our commitment is to promote excellent behaviour and behaviour for learning. For this to happen we ask that you are involved in your child's school life and are supportive of our school ethos and behaviour policy. Our behaviour policy is an inclusive and restorative policy. We listen to our children and in cases of poor behaviour allow them to find ways to rectify this.

Our behaviour policy can be found on our school website.

Our Home School Agreement can be found on our school website

Please ensure you read this document carefully. By choosing to send your child to our school you are agreeing to uphold the commitments in this agreement.



Attendance & punctuality

Good attendance at school is vital and is directly linked to academic success.

- School gates open at 8.40am and close promptly at 8.45. Arrival after this should be via the school office. Arrivals later than 9.15am will be marked as unauthorised absence.
- Should your child be unable to attend school due to illness you must inform the school office by 9.30am. After this time the school office will phone to find out the reason for absence. If we are unable to make contact by 10.30am a member of the senior leadership team may make a home visit for safeguarding purposes.
- Leave of absence holidays should not be taken during term time and cannot be authorised. In exceptional circumstances some absences may be authorised at the discretion of the head teacher.
- School finishes at 3.15pm, please ensure you are on time to collect your child. If you are going to be late please let the office know.
- At 3.25pm children who have not been collected will go to the school office. Children who have not been collected by 3.30pm will attend afterschool club and there may be a charge.



Uniform

Children should be coming to school dressed in the correct uniform.

This includes:

- Appropriate hairstyles (sensible hair accessories, .i.e. red).
- Children are not allowed smartwatches at school.
- As we approach the cooler months the children should be coming in with appropriate clothing .i.e. coats, scarves, gloves.
- They will need wellie boots for outdoor learning.

PE kits:

- Black jogging bottoms/shorts
- Red school PE top
- Plain black sweatshirt.



Class Timetable

	8:45 - 9:10	9:15 - 10:15	10:15 - 10:30	10:30 - 11:20	11:25 – 12:25	12:25 - 1:15	1:15 - 1:25	1:25 - 2:15	2:15 – 3:	05	3:05 - 3:10
MON	Gospel assembly 9 – 9:30	Guided Reading 9:30 – 10:15	BREAKTIME	Maths 10:30 – 11:25	Spelling 11:25 – 12:25	LUNCHTIME		Music 1:30 – 2:00	RE 2:00 – 3:	00	
TUES	Daily Readers Handwriting 8:50 – 9:10	English		Maths 10:30 – 11:30	PE 11:30 – 12:25		MEDITATION	DT 1:25 – 2:15	LOTC 2:15 – 3:10		
WEDS	Daily readers	Music 9:00 – 9:45 Guided Reading 9:45 – 10:15		Maths 10:30 – 11:25	English 11:30 – 12:25			French 1:15 – 1:45	History 2:00 – 3:00		
THURS	Daily Readers Handwriting 8:50 – 9:10	English		Maths fluency 2x table 10:30 – 10:45 Word Assembly – 10:45 Maths 11:05 – 12:00	Spelling 12:00 – 12:20 Library – 12:00 – 12:20			Science 1:25 – 2:40		RE 2:40 – 3	3:10
FRI	Daily Readers Handwriting 8:50 – 9:10	English		Maths	RE 11:25 – 12:25			Computing 1:30 – 2:20 Celebration Assembly 2:40 – 3:10			



Year 3 Curriculum

We will cover a variety of topics over the year including:

- Ancient Egypt
- Rainforests
- Volcanoes
- Bronze Age, Stone Age and Iron Age
- Antarctica



Year 3 Curriculum



Narrative Author: John Bond



Poetry - Free verse Author: Kit Wright





Fables Author: Rachel Bright and Jim Field



Non-Chronological report Author: Natalie Labarre



Narrative (Setting and dialogue) Author: Lewis Carroll (version by Jeanne Willis and Ross Collins)



Persuasive speech Izzy Burton





Author: Georgina Stevens and





Personal Narrative (memoir) Authors: Jabari Jumps - Gaia Cornwall, Ralph tells a story -Abbey Hanlon, Proudest Blue -



Poetry: Calligrams Author - Sharon Creech





Persuasive letters Author: Nathan Byron



Instructions Author: Neil Gaiman



Author: Matthew Cordell



Chronological Report Author: Claire Grace and Christopher Corr



Narrative Author : Ted Hughes



Poetry: Take One Poet Author: Joseph Coelho



How we Teach English/reading

Every child will read with us each week during guided reading sessions and heard individually.

Children will undertake daily English lessons supported by the Herts for Learning scheme of work which is mapped to all areas of the National curriculum English objectives.



How we Teach Phonics/spelling

Phonics and Spelling will be incorporated into day-today teaching. Some children will continue to receive support through discrete small group sessions.

Spelling is taught using ESSENTIAL Spelling.



How we Teach Maths

Areas in the curriculum

- Number number and place value
- Number addition and subtraction
- Number multiplication and division
- Number fractions
- Measurement
- Geometry
- Statistics



How can you help your child?

- Ensure you read with them every day if you can and ask them questions about what they have read to help develop their comprehension. Don't be afraid to read a book with them that they might find a bit of a challenge.
- Ensure they have everything they need with them each day.
- Encourage your child to use TTRS daily and to complete their homework weekly.



Home learning Expectations

English

- Daily Reading 10-15 minutes (Parents to record on GoRead)
- Purple Mash spelling activity set on Google Classroom Maths
- Purple Mash activity set on Google Classroom
- Times Tables Rock Stars 15 minutes 3xper week
 RE
- Share the weekly Wednesday word Gospel reading with your child.
- Complete the age appropriate activities.



Mass and Class Masses

- We will hold a whole school Mass at least once each term, the whole school community are invited.
- There will be a class Mass for each year group across the year, parents and family are invited to attend.



Sports/Outdoor learning

- PE and Outdoor learning will take place every Tuesday.
- Your child needs to come into school in their PE kit which should be suitable to keep them protected against all weathers.
- If it is raining please make sure your child brings a waterproof jacket to school and that they also have wellington boots in school.



School Trips

We will have three class trips/experiences this year.

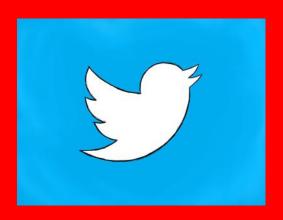
- Egyptian day workshop 19th September (Parent volunteers are welcome/needed!)
- Celtic Harmony 4th March 2025 Stone Age Day (Self travel is needed) - £20pp
- Trip to the local church Near to Holy Communion dates to talk to Fr Norbert



Communication

Twitter - @holyfamilyWGC
Facebook - TheHolyFamilySchoolWGC
Newsletters & News bulletins
Class page on website
Class email – year3@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk





Any Questions?

