

Curriculum Booklet

Year 3

Spring



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National Curriculum

The **National Curriculum** is formed of core subjects and foundation subjects. The **core subjects** are English, Mathematics and Science. As a Catholic school, the teaching of Religious Education (RE) is also core to our curriculum.

The **foundation subjects** are: Art and Design, Computing, Design and Technology, Geography, History, Music and Physical Education. We also teach Languages (French) in Key Stage 2, with younger pupils learning the basics of the language.

In addition, Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE), including Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) is required to be taught.

Content

The purpose of this booklet is so that parents are aware of the curriculum coverage for the Autumn term.

Inside this informative booklet we have included

- Subject coverage
- Key vocabulary
- Suggested books for school and home
- Suggested websites for home
- Homework tasks





Further information about our curriculum is available on our school website www.stjosephsjarrow.co.uk



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What will I be learning?


Subject	Content
English	<p>Non-fiction focus: Letter Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Features of a letter - Formal/informal language- which to use and when? - Conjunctions to extend sentences - Use of fronted adverbials to vary sentence structures - Plan and write a formal letter of complaint   <p>Fiction focus: Stone girl, Bone girl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draw inferences from characters thoughts, motives and - Learn to summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph - Use inferences to write a diary entry - Take notes and use to write concise sentences - <p>Non-fiction focus: biography writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Retrieve and record information -Mary Anning -Use of nouns and pronouns to avoid repetition -Conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to make order of events clear <p>Plan and write a biography</p>

	<p>Fiction focus: The True story the 3 little pigs</p> <p>Genres covered Traditional tales Discussion Text - Balanced Arguments</p> <p>Handwriting focus Use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left un-joined. New scheme; LETTER JOIN</p> <p>Spelling focus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • polysyllabic words • Prefix & suffix • ou/ sure/y /ture • Year 3/4 Statutory Words
<p>Here are some suggested books to read at home or from our library</p>	<p>Charlotte's Web by E.B. White – A classic story about friendship and kindness.</p> <p>📖 The BFG by Roald Dahl – Whimsical and adventurous, great for sparking imagination.</p> <p>📖 Matilda by Roald Dahl – Inspires a love for reading and resilience.</p> <p>📖 The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy – A fun, magical series for early chapter book readers.</p> <p>📖 Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown – Lighthearted and creative, perfect for this age group.</p> <p>📖 Captain Underpants series by Dav Pilkey – Funny and engaging for reluctant readers.</p> <p>📖 The Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne – Combines adventure with historical learning.</p> <p>📖 Diary of a Wimpy Kid (early books) by Jeff Kinney – Great for humor and relatable situations.</p> <p>Non-Fiction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Geographic Kids Readers – Engaging facts about animals, space, and science. • Usborne Beginners Series – Simple, informative books on various topics.
<p>Maths</p>	<p>We will be covering: Length and Perimeter Multiplication and division</p>



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	<p>Mass and capacity</p> <p>Fractions</p>
<p>Here are some suggested maths games to play at home</p>	<p>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=YEAR%203%20MATHS</p> <p>https://play.trockstars.com/auth</p> <p>https://ictgames.com/</p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>Animals including humans Light</p>
<p>Key vocabulary</p>	<p>Herbivore carnivore exoskeleton oesophagus intestine</p> <p>reflective opaque shadows beam prism</p>
<p>Some books about this unit</p>	
<p>History</p>	<p>We will be learning about:</p> <p>The Ancient Greeks</p>
<p>Key vocabulary</p>	<p>Olympics, goddesses Hippocrates, column Alexander the Great, stylus amphitheatre</p>
<p>Some books about the unit</p>	
<p>Geography</p>	<p>We will be learning about:</p> <p>My Place in the World</p>
<p>Key vocabulary</p>	<p>Capital cities, regions, settlements, land-use, migration, push factors, pull factors, tourism, positives, negatives, population, density</p>

Some books about the unit			
RE	We will be learning about: Journeys - Local Church and Sharing- Eucharist Giving All - Lent/Easter Listening		
Key vocabulary	Journeys temple Pilgrimage Journey Liturgical ordinary time feast day psalm	Eucharist Gloria Penitential Rite Eucharist prayer Communion Creed	Lent/Easter Paschal Candle Fasting Almsgiving Pentecost Resurrection Ascension
Art	We will be learning about: Painting patterns in nature		
Key vocabulary	Art Nouveau, primary, complimentary, harmonious colours Tone value, still life, observation.		
Some places to see the artist's work	Charles Rennie Mackintosh https://kids.kiddle.co/Charles_Rennie_Mackintosh https://www.tate.org.uk/art/artists/charles-rennie-mackintosh-1548		
Design & Technology	We will be learning about: Cookery - Fruit crumble		
Key vocabulary	weigh sieve rub peel slice		
PSHE	We will be learning about: Religious understanding Personal relationships Keeping safe		
Some useful websites about the unit	https://www.youngminds.org.uk/ https://www.nspcc.org.uk/ https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/young-people/resources-for-3-11s		
Computing	We will be learning about: Programming-Sequencing Sounds		

	Data and Information -Branching Databases
Some useful websites about the unit	http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/kidsclub/flash/index.html#.VIWzXzHF-So https://pbskids.org/cyberchase/activities/
PE	<p>During our PE lessons, we will be improving our skills in:</p> <p>Gymnastics and swimming</p>

Your Homework Tasks

Reading- share a story, learn weekly spellings and times tables.

