

## Year 3 Autumn Term 2 Newsletter- Healthy Me!



In **Religion** we will be focusing on Baptism and how we belong to our wider family - the Christian Church. We will focus on the rules and promises that we make when being baptised.

We will also be thinking about Advent in preparation for Christmas and the birth of Jesus. There will be discussion and time to develop our knowledge of Advent and Christmas and how this is such an important part of our liturgical calendar.



We will also complete visits to church and engage in year group masses.



In English, we will begin by reading the narrative poem, 'Sam's Sandwich' and use this as a stimulus for writing our own disgusting sandwich list poems. We will then move on to using the text 'The Disgusting Sandwich' to support us with retelling narrative using speech and then we will innovate our own stories. After this, we will also use this book to learn how to write a persuasive speech, focusing particularly on persuasive language, questions and contractions. Finally, we will use this text to write diary accounts from the point of view of the sandwich! The children will then look at the story, 'Beast Feast' and use this to write their own letters in role as one of the beasts.



Our Science topic for this half term is 'Healthy Me.' We will be investigating how we can be healthy through eating a balanced diet and exercising, how our digestive system works and how to keep our teeth healthy.

We will be learning to:

- identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat.
- describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans.
- identify different types of teeth in humans and their functions.



In DT, we will be using our Science knowledge to plan and make a healthy balanced meal. Please inform school at your earliest convenience of any specific dietary requirements or allergies.



In Maths, we will be continuing to work with 2 and 3 digit numbers when adding and subtracting. We will place these within bar-models and begin to apply our understanding of this to traditional column methods. We will also be discussing and learning some mental addition strategies as well as multiplication and division written strategies. Following this, we will begin looking at multiplication and division skills. We will be focusing on both mental and formal written methods of calculation as well as applying this knowledge to problem solving activities

At home it would be of great benefit to your child to practise their 3, 4 and 8 times tables and ensure that your child knows the doubles and halves of all numbers up to 20.

During our **computing** lessons this term, we will be using a computer program called Scratch to create animations; making sure to program digital information in a correct sequence and debug any errors.



Spellings will be set on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday. Please ensure your child practises at home. Spelling is a vital part of learning to become a competent writer. It is a very important life skill that we value highly here at St Joseph's, so please support your child with this and encourage them to learn their spellings each week.

Children will receive weekly homework tasks, which will consist of:

- Spellings- Spelling shed
- Reading

- My Maths - online
- Timestable Rockstars (times table practice)

Reading is another important life skill that is of highest priority in our school. Our aim being to develop within our pupils a lifelong passion for reading. To help us with this we ask that you encourage your child to read for around 10 minutes a night at home. You have already received the updated information about how Reading Champions has now changed since your child has entered Key Stage 2. Please ensure your child's book and reading record are in school every day so that we have the opportunity to also read with the children and also monitor their reading at home regularly.

#### P.E. in Year 3

Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit on the following days:

Class 7 - Monday and Thursday

Class 8 - Wednesday and Thursday

As the colder weather approaches, one of these PE sessions will be outside, please follow the school's P.E uniform for both indoor and outdoor sessions.



Yours sincerely,  
Miss Martin and Mr Cunningham