

St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

“Created by God to love and learn”



Terms 1 and 2 Willow Class, Y3 – Miss Triggs and Miss Fuidge

Welcome Back!

We wish you all a very warm welcome back to St. Augustine's. We hope that you all had a wonderful break and that your children are now feeling settled in class. It has been a great start to this academic year, and we have enjoyed getting to know everyone. We are extremely proud of the way they have settled into the new routines and are showing a love of learning. Do come talk to us if there is anything you want to know more about. We'd love to have some volunteers to come and help on trips and hear readers in school.

Homework

Homework is made up of daily reading, spelling practice, learning times tables and a piece from "My Maths." The My Maths work will be set online, and you will receive log in details. It is set on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday.

Reading

There is nothing like practice to help your child become a better reader and reach a point where reading is a pleasure. There is strong evidence that children who read 10 minutes daily at home throughout their primary school years, go onto achieve a whole grade better in every subject at GCSE level. Help share the gift of reading with your child and invest in their future choices.

Their reading book and record should be brought home daily for home reading. The reading records have a space for you to write comments, record tricky words and list the actual pages read. Children who read at least 4 x a week at home to an adult and have it recorded in their book will receive a house point. It is important to discuss what they have read and help explain any new vocabulary they encounter.

Our class now has its own wish list to add to our book corner. Please click the link below, which will take you to the wish list, then find something you would like to purchase, add it to your basket and follow the same process as if you were ordering something for yourself. The items will be delivered directly to our school and added to the class book corner. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

<https://amzn.eu/eEjsbjq>

Spellings

We will give out weekly spellings on a Friday. The spelling test will be the following Friday. Do practise writing the spellings at home as this helps with the muscle memory. However, it's just as important to be able to use the words in their conversations so also try to use any new vocabulary when you're talking or make up word games with the lists.

Times Tables

To help learn their times table facts, the school has a subscription to the fantastic TT Rock Stars website. Every child has their own individual secure log in details and can access the website at home. Their log in details are in the back of their reading record. Do encourage your child to use this website regularly. Ten minutes of practice daily "in the garage" will result in rapid progress for any child.

The algorithm within the programme will target the table your child most needs to practise. Don't be tempted to let a sibling or adult use their log in; the computer will think that they are a whiz and will target the wrong table. It's a lot of fun to send a challenge to a classmate or one of the teachers!

Mathematics

In term 1, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, pupils will focus on place value, followed by addition and subtraction. On Thursday and Friday, pupils will be focusing on length and perimeter. In term 2 the children will be covering multiplication and division, with the end of each week focused on mass and capacity.

Telling the time to the nearest minute using both analogue and a digital clock is an essential skill in this this year's learning. Do talk about time and use both digital and analogue clocks in the home to practise this skill.

English

The children will be using the picture book 'Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx' by Joe Todd-Stanton as a focus for the English work. This is a story about having courage and overcoming fear.

The focus will be on narrative features such as creating interesting descriptions with the use of expanded noun phrases and adverbs, as well as interesting features such as describing characters' emotions. We will also be revisiting some of the skills taught last year.

Science

During term 1, pupils will be learning about rocks. They will learn how to compare and group together different kinds of rocks based on their appearance and simple physical properties, how to describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock and how to recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.

RE

The RE is a unit called Creation and Covenant. The children will learn the story of Creation and explore why the creation story was written and the meaning of the story for today.

This is followed by making links between what scripture says about creation and the responsibility of Christians to show care and respect for creation by being good stewards.

Topic

Pupils will be learning about Ancient Egypt. To begin our topic, we have an Ancient Egyptian workshop where the children will handle artefacts and learn lots about the Ancient Egyptians life. They will use atlases, non-fiction books and the internet to develop their knowledge of this fascinating location. They will discover many interesting facts about the Ancient Egyptians.

Art and DT

This term, in art, pupils will develop their design and craft skills taking inspiration from Ancient Egyptian art and pattern and paper making.

In term 2, in Design and Technology, pupils will design and make an Egyptian collar. They will apply two new sewing techniques – cross-stitch and appliqué.

PE

PE days are Wednesday (outdoors) and Friday (indoors). Children should come to school on these days wearing their PE kit: the yellow T shirt with plain dark shorts. As it gets colder through the term, they can wear plain dark joggers or leggings instead. On top of their t shirts, they are to wear either the PE hoodie or their grey school jumper or cardigan.

Term 1 – Dance (indoor), football (outdoor)

Term 2 – Gymnastics (indoor), netball (outdoor)

Music

This term, in music, the children will be exploring the structure of music, their improvisation skills and performance skills through R&B and other genres. Pupils will also learn how to identify the rhythm, pulse, pitch, tempo and melody.