



CLASS NEWS: Year 3: Autumn 1

In God's light we shine, we love and we learn.

Welcome to Year 3 and the Juniors

This is an important year for the children because the transition from the Infants to the Juniors is a major step in their development. Unfortunately, the children did not have the transition afternoon during the summer term where they spend time in Year 3's classroom. However, most children settle in the first half term and some a little later about Christmas. If you have any worries, please email the office who will forward your email to me and I will respond as soon as I can.

R.E.

Our '*Come and See*' topic is '*Homes*' for the first four weeks of term. In this topic we explore what makes a house a home. So far, we have looked at different types of homes and what is special about our own home.

The topic progresses into exploring God's vision for home life in which the children learn from Bible stories about what it means to be a Christian in the context of the home.

The Second Vatican Council uses an ancient expression, Ecclesia Domestica : the Domestic Church. It is in the bosom of the family that parents and carers are by word and example....the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1656)

This topic will help children to understand God's vision:

Since you are God's dear children, you must try to be like him.

Your life must be guided by love just as Jesus was guided by love.

It is wrong for you to use bad or rude language.

Instead you should give thanks to God.

You must not be greedy.

You must be like people who live in the light.

Let the light of your goodness and truthfulness shine out for everyone.

Ephesians 5:1-2,4-5,8-9

P.E.

Year 3's P.E. is on Tuesdays. Children should come to school in their P.E. kit and have a warm coat, school jumper or fleece for outdoor activities.

School Uniform

Please check your child's uniform has their name written on the label. This will help avoid mix-ups. Children need an outdoor coat for playtimes even if the forecast is reasonable because we all know how changeable the English weather is!

Seesaw

A PowerPoint will be available on Seesaw, this Friday, with more information about Year 3. Your child will have their new Seesaw code in their homework folder this Friday (11th September).

Twitter

If you have not already done so, please follow me on Twitter because I put general messages on Twitter and news about the children's work.

Homework

This Friday (11th September) Your child has been given:

- **a planner** which is used to record reading at home and to record homework tasks.
- **a folder** in which to keep the planner and homework.

The planner needs to be in school everyday and the homework folder on Tuesdays (to hand in homework) and Fridays (for new homework).

Accelerated Reader

There is currently a technical problem with Accelerated Reader but as soon as this is resolved, children will be assessed and issued with a reading book.

Other information

Please remember the following:

- homework time allowance – **written tasks: no more than 20 minutes; learning tasks: preferably 5 or 10 mins per night or whenever possible**
- homework reading book: at least 10-20 minutes per night.

I look forward to working with you and thank you for your help and co-operation in advance. Mrs Ogdon.