



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Diocese of Clifton

Inspiring everyone to REACH through
Faith, Hope, Love

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Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

I hope you have all had the relaxing and peaceful Christmas that you deserve. Both myself and Mrs Daly thought the children worked so incredibly hard last term, and really impressed us with the dedication they showed during our carol concert. I think all those who attended can agree that it was a magical evening - despite the havoc of the snow!

I am so excited to say that this term Year 3 will be starting our topic entitled 'Use the Force'. This ties in with our science lessons, which will be looking at forces and magnets, as well as our DT lessons this term which will focus on using levers to make pop-up cards. We will also be experimenting with forces during our outdoor learning sessions.

Some of the interesting genres and tasks this term will consist of: writing adventure stories and poems, learning about the resources we can use to examine the local area, expanding our knowledge of the UK and adding and subtracting using the column method. Please see this term's topic web for a more detailed list. Children are more than welcome to bring in any books from home based around our topic; please can I ask you clearly name anything sent into school. We have really enjoyed the books that some of the children have brought in so far!

As always, I am available on the playground at the end of the school day, so please do not hesitate to speak or contact me throughout the school year.

Kindest regards,

Miss Drury

Reminders

Homework will be set through TEAMS on a Friday, this will include:

- Spellings- these will be shared as before through TEAMS, and to be practised alongside their homework. Please make sure green spellings books are in school by Thursdays at the latest.
- Homework usually has a main focus on maths, English, comprehension, RE or topic.

Homework is due on a Wednesday. Year 3 have produced some fabulous work already and I can't wait to see what they do this term. Fantastic homework is a great way to earn a REACH point!

- **Home reading-** by reading 5 times a week your child will receive a reading point towards their reading awards. We have already given out a few bookworm badges, and it would be amazing to award a few more. Please ensure reading record is brought in on your child's book change day.

Water bottles

- **Children should be bringing a water bottle in to school every day.** Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.

PE and Outdoor Learning

- PE will take place on a Friday before break, please ensure children wear their PE kit to school. This includes trainers, a house colour top and navy/black shorts. No stripes or logos.
- **Outdoor Learning will also take place on a Friday; please ensure waterproof clothing (trousers and coats) and a pair of wellies are in school for this. The weather can be very miserable at times, but we will still be going out and I want to avoid muddy school shoes if possible!**