



# St. Andrew's CE (VA) Junior School

## Year 3 Autumn 2 Curriculum Overview



### Literacy

This half term we will be focussing on the book, 'Alice in Wonderland'. Whilst studying the book we will write our own stories, look at characters, make predictions and write instructions.

We will continue to revisit some of the year 2 spelling rules and grammar and will be covering the Year 3 spelling objectives with a focus on prefixes and suffixes.

### Music

In music we will look at the unit Three Little Birds. We will also work on the Christmas production.

### ICT

We will explain how scripts work, find and correct errors in them, and explore creative ways of improving them. We will learn to recognise some common types of programming errors, and practise solving problems through logical thinking.

### Science

Our topic for this half term will be forces and magnets. The children will investigate how magnets attract and repel, identify poles and group magnetic materials.

### Maths

In maths, we will be focussing on the four operations and continue looking at various ways to solve problems. The children will also be completing a weekly arithmetic test. It is a requirement that by the end of Year 3 the children know the times table and division facts for the 2,3,4,5,6 and 8 times tables, so these tables will be our focus throughout the year.

### DT

The children will design, make and evaluate hand puppets. The puppets will be made from felt and sewn together using simple stitches.

### Physical Education

#### **Skill focus: Dynamic balance to agility**

We will be learning to improve our jumping technique, maintaining balance throughout. Our jumps will demonstrate control at take-off and we will explore how running can improve the distance of our jumps.

### Religious Education

The children in year 3 take part in Godly Play throughout the school year. The children will attend the group once every 3 weeks and will complete activities based around our R.E topic. In our topic for this half term we will begin to look at the importance of the Trinity in Christianity.

We will look at how the Trinity is represented especially in baptism and prayer.

### History

We will be learning about the bronze age and how people's lives began to change from how they were in the stone age.

### Geography

The children will continue to learn all about Australia, including how human behaviour can help protect the Great Barrier Reef as well as planet Earth in regards to climate change. Next, the children will then learn all about Ireland and will compare and contrast both human and physical geography of Ireland and Australia.

### Notices

We will begin rehearsing for the Year 3 Christmas Show straight after half term. The performance will be performed towards the end of this half term. More information will follow nearer the time!