

YEAR 3

YEAR 3'S CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER - SPRING TERM 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to OLSJ, I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break.

We have a great term coming up and are studying some interesting new subjects. Below is an outline of the curriculum your child will be following this term.

RE

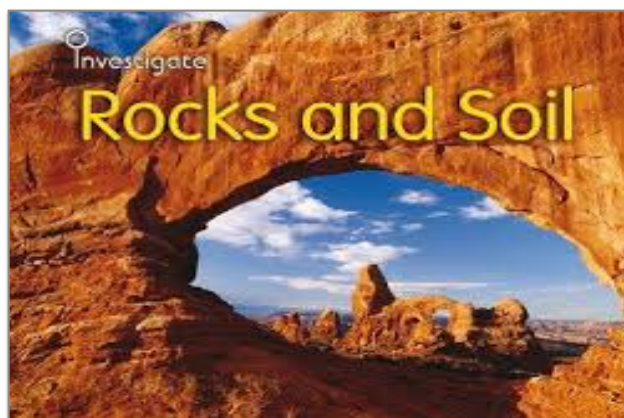
Our topic this half term is 'Local Church-Community', we then move onto the 'Eucharist,' 'Islam' and 'Lent/Easter' before the holidays. Please read through 'Word on Wednesday' every week with your child to help encourage their learning.

English

We will continue to work on our reading skills using guided reading and comprehension sessions, however, we aim to use 'Destination Reader' programme, which is used throughout KS2 by the end of the term. The children develop a different type of reading skill each week, helping them to improve their understanding and fluency. Please read with your child everyday, this is key for their development and will affect their writing ability too. We will also use the writing programme, 'The Story Spinner'. It has proved very popular with the children.

Maths

We will be focusing on fractions, measurement, and geometry this half term. A times tables test will be every Friday with a different times table focus each week. Children must practise their times tables at home daily. Please continue to support them by testing them regularly and encouraging them to use 'Rock Star' maths. They need to know all times tables up to 12 by Year 4. Mental maths tests will also take place in class once a week.



Geography

After half term we will be studying the subject 'Is climate cool?' The children will learn about different climates and weather patterns around the world.

Computing

The children will be developing their design and stats skills. We will also continue to use 'Purple Mash' to develop our programming skills.

Science

We will be learning about 'Rocks' in the 1st half of term. We will study the properties and uses of rocks, different soils and fossils.

Art

Our art lessons will be based on our RE, science and geography work. We will develop our sketching skills during these lessons.

Home Learning

Homework is given out twice a week: every Thursday to be handed in on Monday and every Friday; spellings/ Times tables are handed out for following Friday's test. Please ensure your child reads for at least **20 minutes every day** at home.

P.E is every Monday morning; please make sure children bring in their PE kits.



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO ASK.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING YOU WILL GREATLY IMPROVE THEIR CHANCES OF GOOD PROGRESS. READING ABOUT OUR SUBJECTS, VISITING MUSEUMS, HELPING THEM WITH HOMEWORK, USING REAL LIFE LEARNING WILL GREATLY INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD OF IMPROVED LEARNING.

KIND REGARDS,

MR ROOK, YEAR 3 CLASS TEACHER.