

Year 3

Year 3 have been working really hard these last few weeks and have settled so well.

It is so lovely to have them all back in the classroom together and eager to learn.

We have been working on our descriptive writing and have written some beautiful pieces about the enchanted forest in our book, 'The Return'. In maths, we have been focusing on the place value of three-digit numbers and solving lots of problems together!



Our Curriculum of Hope topic is the Stone Age, which we are really enjoying. We researched how the Lascaux caves were discovered in France and found some key facts about them.

After looking at the features of the caves, such as the colours, symbols and animals included, we created our own. Take a look at the photos of our artwork! We tried really hard to use our tools to create the appropriate colours and textures of the caves, as well as including those key symbols and animals.

I think they all look fantastic and I can't wait to display them for all to see! Well done year 3!

COVID-19 Guidance – Testing

Please note the following important guidance about when you should book a test

You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:

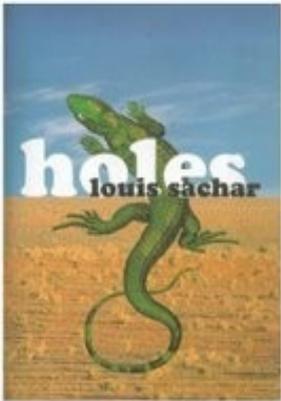
1. a high temperature:
2. a new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
3. a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:

Your child does not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.

If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result

Year 4



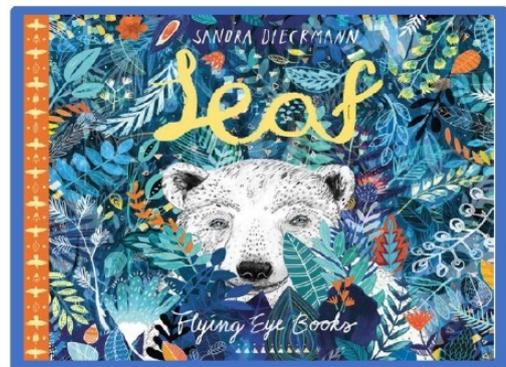
Since our return to school, year 4 have been working really hard and have settled back into regular school life really well. We've covered some quite tricky maths since our return and everyone has taken to it with a positive attitude, despite the

been a joy to see how creative the children of year 4 are!

We have just begun our new writing unit (taken from our Read to Write program) about the story Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann. We've begun examining the rich vocabulary the story contains and we will be working towards creating our own outsider narratives inspired by the book. I can't wait to see what the children come up with and it will be a pleasure to share the products of their labours with everyone once they are finished.

challenges that they've faced.

As a class story, we've been reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. The children have all been working really hard on developing their descriptive writing skills. As a class, they have written a good example of a character description for the main character, Stanley Yelnats. Then, individually, they have all put what they have learnt into practice and written their own character description for some of the other characters. The quality of the work they have produced has left me feeling incredibly proud of each and every one of them! It has



Families



This week in F2 we have been learning about 'Our Families'.

All our parents sent us pictures of their wonderful families for us to share in class. We looked out how all families are different, special and unique. We discussed how we all had separate families but we are all part of one big family at St Joseph's, Gods family!



We looked at the world around us and thanked God for blessing us with a beautiful world.



We began our Read Write Inc programme this week and the children have settled quickly into their new groups and new routines.

All F2 homework is now sent via Dojo and we would like to thank all parents who are completing homework at home with their children, it really does make a difference!

Next week we will begin our Curriculum of hope and will be focusing on the story 'Whatever next' by Jill Murphy.



School Attendance

Attendance is good at present, well done to all who have still got 100%!
It is a key priority for us to ensure that attendance remains at % or above.

And to everyone who has made such an effort this week to be in school every day

Attendance overall including Foundation Stage: %

Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: %

Those who have already fallen below national average will be invited into Attendance Panel or receive a home visit from our Education Social Worker, Steve Clayton.



CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Foundation 1 Miss Howard	80.3%	85.4%
Foundation 2 Miss Turner	93%	90%
Foundation 2 Mrs Walker	97.6%	96.8%
Year 1: Miss Last	95%	95.8%
Year 2 Miss Finnigan	92.3%	99%
Year 3 Miss Davies	83.1%	92.3%
Year 4 Mr Broughton	89.1%	88.3%
Year 5: Miss J Allen	93.1%	91.5%
Year 6: Miss Morgan	79.6%	86.7%

Pupils should wash their hands:

before leaving home
on arrival at school
after using the toilet

after breaks and sporting activities
before food preparation
before eating any food,
including snacks
before leaving school.



Baptism Preparation

Although the monthly baptismal preparation programme is suspended we are now able to celebrate

Baptism services in our churches., which does mean a restriction of 30 people at the service.

If you would like more information about having your child baptised please ring the parish office on 638 1520 or email to stalbanandstjoseph@yahoo.co.uk Please add a contact number and we will ring you to arrange a date for a preparation session with Fr Devan or Fr Ramesh.

We look forward to welcoming your children into our parish family.



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



“Together in faith we nurture, encourage and inspire each other to achieve excellence and become all that Jesus calls us to be”

Headteacher Mrs K Vernon

School Office 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, I would like to thank all parents and carers for quickly adapting to our new way of working, especially the new staggered starts and ends of the day. We appreciate how you are being responsible by wearing face coverings and socially distancing during our drop off and pick up times. The success of the current drop-off arrangements means that we are now able to move to earlier start times for some year groups to enable children to be in class as close to 9.00 as possible.

So, from Monday 5th October the following drop-off times will apply. There is no change to collection times but these are included here.

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Year group	Drop off	Collection
YEAR 1	8.50	3.10
YEAR 2		
YEAR 3	9.00	3.20
YEAR 4		
YEAR 5	9.05	3.30
YEAR 6		

Please note there is no change to drop off times for the 2s Nursery, F1 or F2.

We have noticed greater congestion outside school around 3.00 when F2 children and their siblings are collected. Please note the collection time for your child and help us to maintain safety for all by ensuring that you do not arrive earlier than your child's designated time.

Face Coverings in school

I know many of you will have concerns about the rise in cases across Wirral and I have recently received a small number of enquiries from parents about their child wearing a face covering whilst in school. The guidance from the DfE and Public Health Office, Wirral strongly discourages the use of face coverings in classrooms for the following reasons:

They get in the way of teaching and learning
Younger children generally do not have the skills

or maturity to use face coverings properly

If a child is sitting in a face covering for the duration of a lesson, there is a higher risk of contamination of that face covering (as they become damp, dirty etc) and it can add to the unhelpful levels of anxiety.

Please be reassured that we have very comprehensive safety measures in place across school, the most important of which is regular and correct handwashing and hygiene by all pupils and staff. We are very proud of our children who are all responsible in following the guidelines we have in place.

School Website

Find out all the important information about your child's class and the exciting things they are learning about in their curriculum this term by going on the school website. Just click "Our School/classes to find out more.

Curriculum of Hope

We are particularly excited about our new "Curriculum of Hope, which has been written specifically for our children by our teachers. Children are learning key historical and geographical knowledge through a dilemma-led story including fictional and significant heroes. We hope these lessons will inspire children to not just learn facts, but strive to become an empowered, active citizen who can make a difference in the world they live in.

Thank you to everybody for helping us to work together to keep all in our school family safe and for ensuring that our children can be happy and confident learners together in school.

Take care of yourselves. Every blessing

Mrs Vernon