

WELCOME TO YEAR 3



2021/2022

# TEACHERS

Miss Downie - Class Teacher

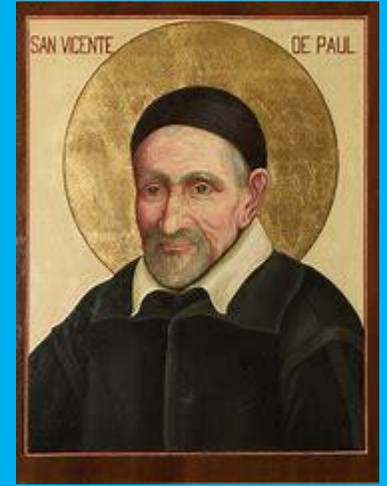


Miss Cooper - Teaching Assistant

Mrs Hartley - Teaching Assistant



# CLASS SAINT



Each class has a representative Class Saint who guides us and inspires us during the year.

The children will choose this Saint together and will celebrate their feast day by looking at their lives closely and how they dedicated themselves to the work of Christ.

St Vincent de Paul's feast day is September 27<sup>th</sup>.

# CURRICULUM

Children will access a broad and balanced curriculum in Year 3.

We will work on key skills in reading, punctuation and grammar through our English lessons. Our Maths work will allow for fluency and reasoning skills to be developed.

Children will use enquiry based learning in areas such as History, Geography, Art, DT, Science and French.

# CURRICULUM

Each half term, we will have a new topic focus in Year 3 to inspire our learning across the curriculum. Children will be given many opportunities to build on their prior knowledge and will use 'big questions' to help guide their learning.

This year, we will focus on the following areas:

**Autumn 1: Volcanoes and Earthquakes**

**Autumn 2 and Spring 1: Stone Age through to Iron Age**

**Spring 2: The UK**

**Summer 1: Ancient Greece**

**Summer 2: Mediterranean country study**

# HOMework

Homework in KS2 is set at a level that allows the children to complete it as independently as possible.

Children will be given two pieces of homework each week. This will be one piece of either Literacy or Maths and one piece for a Foundation subject. It will be given out on a Thursday and should be returned on a Tuesday.

Homework will be uploaded on to Teams and at least one of the two pieces should be completed online.

Daily Maths and Daily Literacy will also be given to complete each evening which we will discuss the following day.

# HOMework

Children will be set spellings each week which will be tested on a Friday. These will compliment the Spelling sessions that we will do in class and will also focus on the Year 3 statutory spelling words.

On a Friday each week, there will be a times tables test so any additional practise at home will be very beneficial.

# READING

It is expected that children in KS2 read at home at least 3 times a week and that their reading diaries are signed by an adult at home.

We use the Accelerated Reading system which allows children to take a quiz after they have finished reading a book to help assess their understanding. Children will be given a recommended reading range based on this to choose their new books from which may fluctuate throughout the year.

We encourage the children to take their time reading their books but ensure regular quizzes are taken.

# REWARDS

Children will be awarded house points for good work and effort. Each week they will contribute these points to their house teams - Matthew, Mark, Luke or John.

Children will also be able to earn achievement points for showing that they are following the school rules and living out the Gospel values. These will replace merit stickers and will be awarded via an online platform. When the children are awarded an achievement point, parents will receive a text update to help you to share in their successes in school.

# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Year 3 is a special time for the children as they prepare for their first Holy Communion. Children prepare for this special sacrament during school time but attending Mass regularly is important to help them prepare and grow stronger in their understanding of their faith.

We will update you as soon as we have any more information about this.

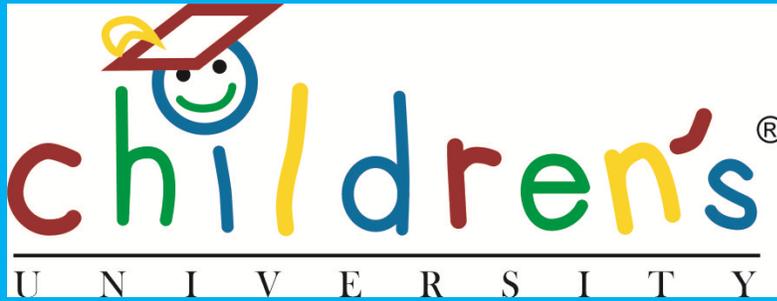
## RSE - WHY TEACH RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL?

We teach relationship and sex education because the book of *Genesis* says that we are made in the image and likeness of God - male and female. So our gender is part of our identity and is essential to making healthy relationships with other people. For most people, the most fulfilling and deepest relationship people will be in is the Sacrament of marriage. Other relationships such as father/son, mother/sister, brother/sister are also influenced by our gender as are the relationships of friendships and other types of love.

All of the above is part of our understanding of *God's Creation* and we respect and worship God by relating to his creation in the appropriate way according to our age and our commitments to God and one another.

## OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

- Curriculum overviews will be sent out half termly
- Key dates will be available on the school website and on each half termly letter
- PE kit should be kept in school Monday-Friday
- Please label all items of uniform including ties and shoes!
- Please bring a water bottle each day



- Children do not just learn between the hours of 9:00- 3:00! We value that through a range of after school experiences that children will be learning further knowledge and skills which will ultimately impact upon the outcomes in later life
- St Mary's is accredited with the Children's University based at Staffordshire University.
- When the children (Y1 –Y6) attend a club at school or a credited outside organisation they will earn 'credits'
- If the children earn 30 credits or more (30 hours of extended learning) they will be invited to take part in a graduation ceremony to receive an award.
- Further information will be sent out in a letter.
- Please speak to Mrs Statham for further information

Thank you for your support - together we will ensure that your children achieve their very best and make the most of every learning opportunity they have.

Should you need to contact me, please make an appointment via the school office.