St Catherine's
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 3

Introductory Parent/Carer Information Meeting

September 2025

Our Christian Vision

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Our Vision:

Love like Jesus with

Our heads and our hearts

Valuing the similarities and differences

Everyone in our St Catherine's family

Values that enable us to fulfill our vision:

Wisdom (Love)

Community (friendship)

Dignity (forgiveness)

Hope

We use our heads and our hearts

"Love one another as I have loved you" John 15.12

"The wise listen ..." proverbs

Spirituality

Our Definition of Spirituality at St Catherine's CE Primary School

Spirituality is:

- how we grow on the inside.
- how we make sense of life.
- how we connect with ourselves and those around us.
- how we connect with God and the world.

We explore spirituality through...

Heads – Experience

What have I learnt?
What can I take away from this new experience?

Hearts – Reflection

How has this experience made me feel?
Why might I be feeling this way?

Hands – Transformation

What do I need to do now?
How will I respond?
What will I do differently in thefuture?

The Year 3 Team

Class 3CB

Mr Crump

(Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)

Mrs. Barnes

(Thursday and Friday)

Class 3JC

Miss Nolan

(Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)

Mrs. Jones

(Thursday and Friday)

TA's

Mrs Addison

Mrs. Morris

Miss Seagrove

Miss Quill

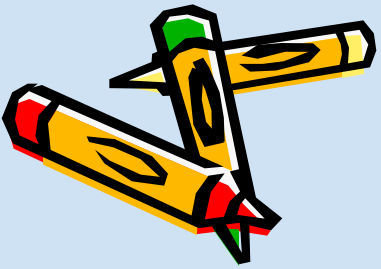
Other Staff

Miss Wheeler - Spanish

Mr Grazier - PE and Swimming

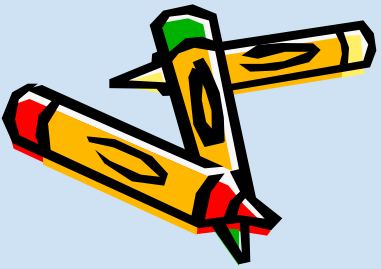
A typical day in Year 3

08:45	Register/Morning Maths
09:10	Whole School Assembly
09:30	Maths
10:30	Break
10:45	English
12:00	Lunch
13:00	Reading
13: 30	Foundation Subjects
15:00	Class Story Time
15:15	Hometime



Morning Maths

- Promptly starts at 8:45
- The first five questions will be focussed on arithmetic and using different strategies.
- The other five questions will include worded problems, 2 part problems etc.
- The purpose of Morning Maths is to help the children practice all the areas of maths they have covered so far, pre-teaching topics and recapping recapping the previously taught skills and knowledge.



Maths

- Maths will follow the White Rose scheme, supported by Power Maths, as is the case throughout the school.

- In maths, we start each lesson by reading our key maths values:

St Catherine's Classroom Beliefs

- Mistakes are valuable.
- Everyone can learn maths to the highest level.
- Questions are really important.
- Depth is more important than speed.
- Maths is about making connections.

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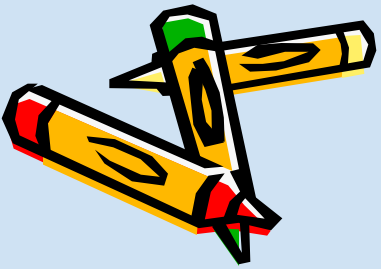
Reading

- The children will be heavily encouraged to develop their love of reading- our library is growing all the time and pupils are encouraged to read a wide range of genres and types of book.
- Children will have the opportunity to have time during the school day to read independently.
- Focussed reading will happen 2-3 times a week and home reading may come from these sessions to support the children with their fluency.

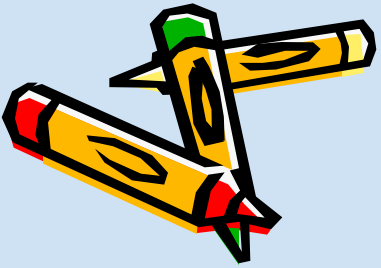


Home Reading

- Children will use Accelerated Reader where appropriate. Once pupils have read a book, they have the opportunity to take a quiz on it and earn points for themselves and add to the class word count.

- We will be providing incentives for those children who are reading regularly.

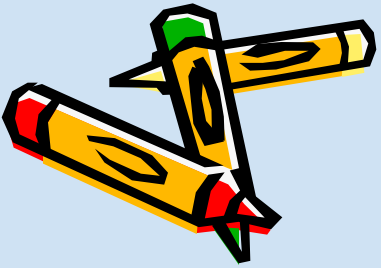
- We ask that you hear your child read everyday.



Writing

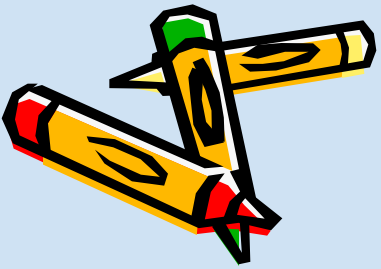
- The children will have the opportunity to write in a range of genres including: character and setting description, adventure, myths and legends, play script, information text, biography, instructions, recipe and diary. .

- Each unit of writing is based on a book, where we explore the text and use the format to help us construct our own pieces.
- Talk for Writing.
- Handwriting is a big focus.



Oracy

- Whole school project.
- Loud and proud.
- Confidence.
- Vocabulary.
- Aspirational.

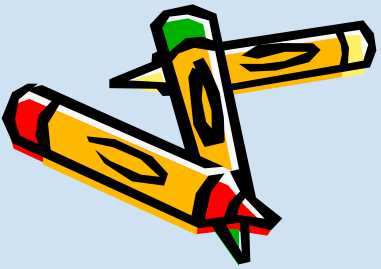


P.E.

- All of Year 3 have PE on a ***Monday*** afternoon. Pupils should come to school on that day in their PE kits.
- Mr Grazier will support across both classes.

- Kit:
  - For indoor use (outdoor if it's hot): coloured T-shirt shorts/skirt.
  - For outdoor use: joggers/tracksuit bottoms, coloured T-shirt, jumper/hoodie and trainers/pumps.

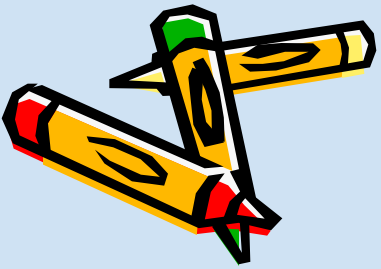
- Children with earrings can either take them out themselves or put tape over them for PE. Teachers are not allowed to take off or put in earrings for children.



Swimming

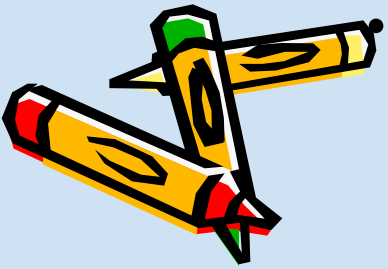
- Children will be swimming on a Friday morning.
- Autumn 1 and 2 - 3NJ
- Summer 1 and 2 - 3CB

- Children need to be in school uniform but can have their costume underneath.
- Children need to bring a towel and appropriate swimwear.
- Children walk to Franche Swimming Pool - they need to be dressed appropriately.
- A trained swimming instructor leads these sessions with the class teacher and teaching assistant.
- Goggles are optional.



House Points

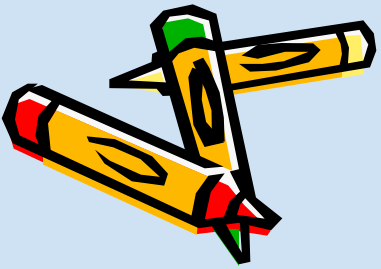
- House Points are earned through demonstrating Cooperation, Improvement, Imagination, Having a Go, Curiosity, Enjoyment, Concentration, and Perseverance.
- Children working collaboratively to earn House Points for their team.
- Points collated on a Friday and winning team announced in Celebration assembly.
- Team with most points at the end of each term will earn a reward.



School Dinners

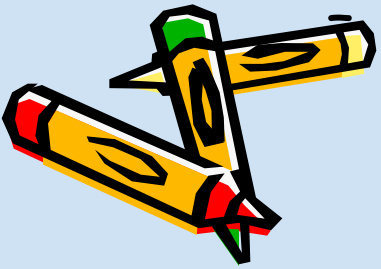
- Children are welcome to bring their own packed lunch, which goes on the trolley as they arrive in the morning or they can order a school dinner.

- Hot meals are also available to pre-order via Parent Pay. Orders need to be completed by Thursday ready for the following week.



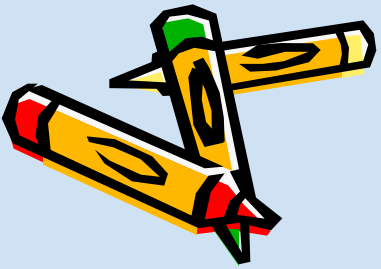
Medications

- Following Worcestershire C.C. guidelines, only prescription medicines can be given by school staff. They should be handed in at the school office and not sent in with the children.
- Any inhalers or epi-pens left in school must be up to date and named.
- Any lip balm or sun cream can be handed in via the pupils. However, we ask that you inform the class teacher of any of these coming into school so that nothing is left in bags or shared among students.
- Cough sweets are not permitted at school, the children are more than welcome to have one before they arrive in school.



Homework

- Homework will be weekly.
- Given out on **Wednesday** to be returned following **Wednesday**.
- **Spelling** and **Maths** homework set weekly.
- Maths will be MyMaths or in book. Spelling will be sent home in the children's spelling journal.



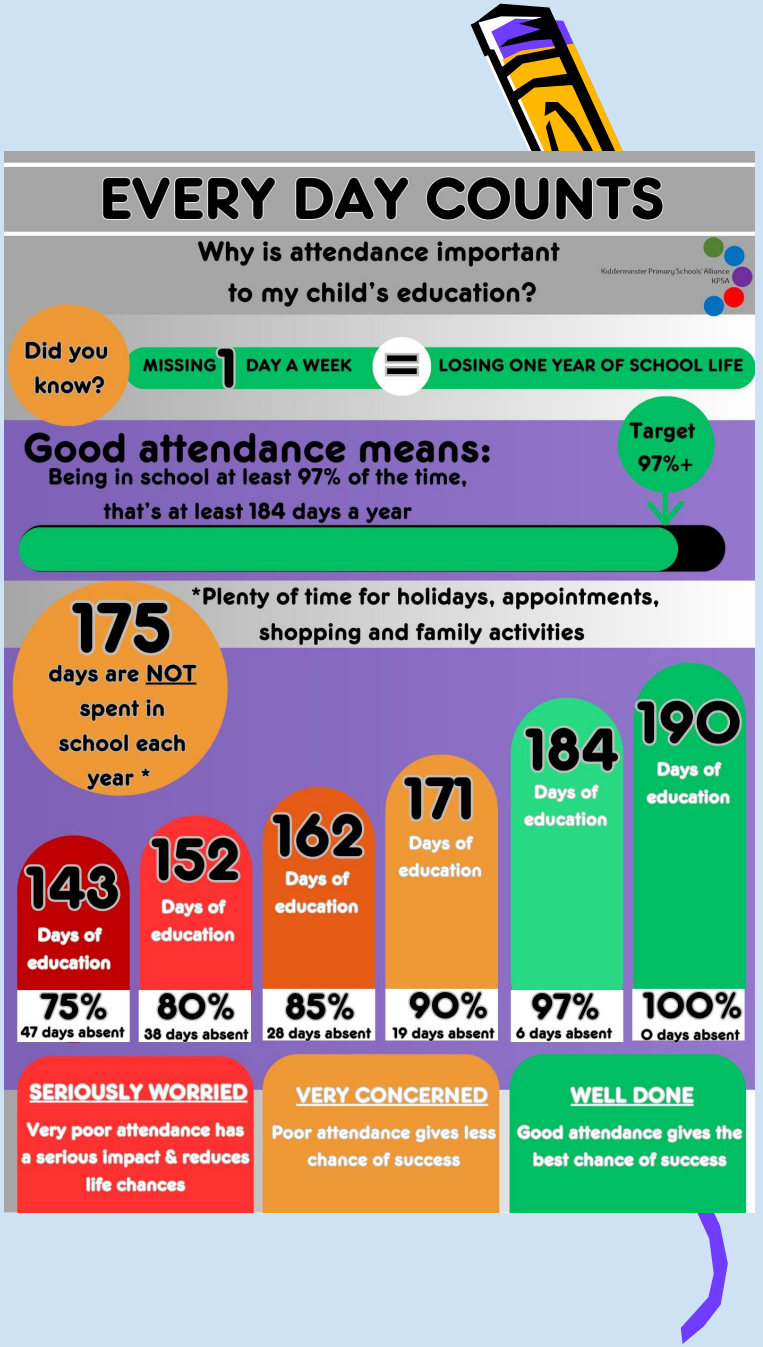
Wellbeing

As pupils grow, they often spend increasing amounts of time online or on devices. Help yourself to keep one step ahead with our monthly Digital Download newsletters.

This month's newsletter was sent out on Friday and features information about VPNs, group chats, technological attachment and an update on the latest online slang.

Attendance – Every day counts!

- Please note that FAMILY HOLIDAYS will not be authorised in school time. Remember our attendance target for every child is 96%, so we need to keep working together to raise attendance.
- If you request leave you must be able to demonstrate that the circumstances are exceptional. If your child is absent from school on a family holiday without authorisation the council may serve a Penalty Notice.
- If you need to request a leave of absence for your child please visit the school office for a leave of absence request form.



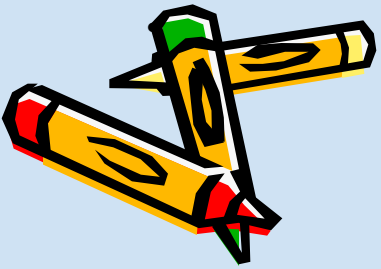
Discussing Concerns

- Please speak to us ☺️ We are available to speak to at the beginning and end of the day.

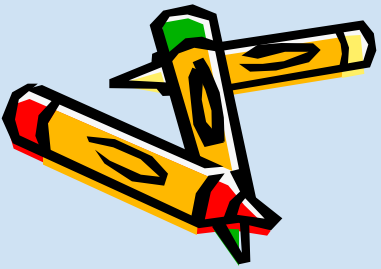
- If required, appointments can be made directly with the class teacher or through the school office.

- Designated safeguarding lead – Mrs Cope
- Deputy safeguarding leads – Mrs Brogan, Miss Nolan, Mrs Barnes, Mr Medcalf.

SENCo – Mrs Barnes



Here's to a great year!

We look forward to working with you all, and know that this will be great year!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come and talk to us :)