



# St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy



## Year 3 Autumn Term Newsletter

A warm welcome from the new Year 3 Team:  
Mrs Lochrie, Miss Beckwith, Mrs Melling and Mrs Newman

### Our Curriculum:

**Mathematics:** Our focus in mathematics teaching is to ensure that pupils become increasingly fluent with whole numbers and the four operations including number facts and the concept of place value and reason and explain how they have reached that answer. By the end of year 4, pupils should have memorised their multiplication tables up to and including the 12 multiplication table and show precision and fluency in their work. Therefore there will be a greater emphasis on the teaching of multiplication tables throughout year 3.

**English:** Our theme in English is Kings and Castles and we will use this to write a non-chronological report and a castle based narrative. In Grammar, we will look at sentence types, inverted commas and prepositions. Our texts will be based about the legend of King Arthur.

#### Science:

##### **L.C. Can I investigate magnets?**

##### **Magnets and Forces**

In this unit children will investigate how magnets attract/repel some materials, about magnetic poles and friction. Children will make predictions and carry out investigations.

**Computing:** We will be exploring digit art, digital photography, and photo editing during this term.

**RE:** RE lessons will reflect upon their own experiences of Harvest Festivals before learning about Harvest celebrations around the world. Year 3 have the honour of leading the Harvest Celebration in Church.

**Topic:** Our History lessons will look at the Key events and figures of the Tudor times. In Geography we will look at Tudor explorers before using navigation skills to find our way around school. Art will focus on the royal painter Hans Holbein, studying portrait skills and style. Our DT unit will study stable structures enabling us to make our own frames to house our portraits.

**Music** In music this term the children will become familiar with the classroom percussion instruments in Key Stage 2, learning to copy and perform different rhythm patterns. They will be learning and practise performing songs for the end of term.

### Our Learning Challenges:

## What was Tudor Britain like?

#### Recommended Websites

[www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk/](http://www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk/)

#### Twitter Accounts to follow

@St\_Wilfrids\_CE

@StWilfridsMusic

### Home Learning:

#### Reading

In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure. We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read and ensure books are in school daily. Reading diaries will be checked in school and we expect a minimum of three entries/comments a week. This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary. These books are intended as 'home' readers, as the children read a separate text in their English lessons.

**Spellings.** A spelling list will be given to children every Wednesday. Children will be expected to learn these spellings throughout the week at home. They will have a spelling test on the following Wednesday.

**Maths Homework.** With there being greater emphasis on learning all times tables we will be sending home times tables to learn. They will be handed out on a Friday to be tested the following Friday.

**Topic Homework:** Children may also be given other types of homework during the course of the year.

### A message from the PTFA...

*The PTFA would like to thank you for your continuous support and commitment. Last year was another successful year for the PTFA, with a wide range of events raising money to purchase new resources and support school themed events and Dance Festival, which all impact on the children's education. We would welcome any suggestions for future fundraising events.*



## Autumn Term 2017 Diary Dates:

w/c Monday 11th September  
Monday 18th September  
Friday 22nd September

Thursday 5th October  
Tuesday 10th October  
Friday 13th October  
Monday 16th October

Tuesday 17th October  
Thursday 19th October

Monday 30th October  
w/c Monday 13th November  
Friday 1st December  
Thursday 7th December  
TBC  
Friday 8th December  
Tuesday 19th December  
Wednesday 20th December

Life Education Workshops for all classes  
PTFA AGM 6.30pm  
Harvest Festival  
9.30am KS2 and 10.30am KS1  
Parents' Evening 6.00—8.00pm  
Parents' Evening 3.30—5.30pm  
PTFA Family Night  
Pearl of Africa Gospel Choir to perform to School (Fundraising Event)  
School Photographs (Individual and Families)  
School closes for Half Term

School reopens for Autumn Term 2  
UK Parliament Week—Themed Week on British Values  
Christmas Fair at 3.30pm (Non-Uniform Day)  
Christingle Service at Church  
PTFA Story Time with Santa  
Christmas Disco for Y3, 4 and 5 children  
Carol Service at Church KS1 9.30am and KS2 10.30am  
School closes for Christmas



Month						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat

## Additional Information:

**Playground Equipment and Games:** Children are not allowed to use any of the playground equipment (including the KS1 bridge) or bring in balls to play with before and after school. Also children are not permitted to use bikes or scooters on the school grounds. This is for Health and Safety reasons.

**PE:** PE lessons will take place on Friday. Children will be expected to wear PE kit, consisting of a sky blue T-shirt, navy or black shorts and a pair of black pumps. These should be kept in a draw string bag. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit on their PE days.

**Swimming:** During the Autumn Term, Year 3 will have swimming lessons on Monday as part of the PE Curriculum Children will be expected to bring a towel, swimwear (costume or trunks/shorts), goggles (optional) and a swimming cap (long hair only). These should be kept in a drawstring bag and all items should be labelled.

**Extra Curricular Activities:** During the year there will be a wide range of extra curricular activities for your child to attend. Letters will be sent out in the next couple of weeks with information about how you can access these clubs.

## Reminders:

**Attendance and Punctuality:** Good attendance is crucial in your child's attendance. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please notify the office staff. School doors open at 8.50am. Registration commences at 8.55am and closes at 9.00am. Children arriving after 9.00am must report to the office before arriving at their classroom. Attendance certificates will be awarded for children with 100% attendance during the Autumn Term.

**School Uniform:** Please ensure that children wear the correct academy uniform and look smart. This includes black shoes. We strongly encourage you to have your child's name clearly marked or labelled in all items of clothing. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a warm coat. We encourage hair accessories, such as hair bands and bobbles, to be consistent with the colour of the uniform e.g. sky blue, navy, grey or black.

**Water bottles:** Children are encouraged to drink **water** during the day to keep them hydrated. They may bring in a water bottle (preferably clear) with their name labelled on it. They should take it home regularly to be washed. Children can refill bottles in school.

**Snacks:** Children may bring in a snack of either **toast** or a **piece of fruit** for morning playtime. Other items such as cakes, biscuits, crackers, sweets, cereal or fruit bars **are not permitted** at playtime.

**Jewellery:** For Health and Safety reasons, children **are not permitted** to wear any jewellery, including



Thank you for your support. We look forward to an exciting year!  
Year 3 Team:

Mrs Lochrie, Miss Beckwith, Mrs Melling and Mrs Newman

Mrs Stokes, Mrs Smethurst, Mrs Meadows, Mrs Battarbee, Mrs Bristow