



Headteacher: Mrs S. Derbyshire

Year 3 - Autumn Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back! - I am so happy to see how enthusiastically the children are approaching the new school year. Please find below some key information about the Autumn term and the expectations in Year 3.

Homework

Our expectation at St Pius Catholic Primary School is that every child should do the following every night:

- 15 minutes reading to themselves or an adult (signed in the reading record).
- 15 minutes practising spellings.
- 15 minutes rehearsing times tables facts on Times Tables Rockstars.

Spellings

Spellings will be given out on **Fridays** along with homework. The children should practise their words every evening. Spelling tests take place on Fridays.

PE Lessons

In the Autumn Term, PE is every **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Children should come to school dressed in appropriate PE clothes.

Reading Books

As reading is such a priority, Mrs Lowrey and I will try to make sure children's books are regularly changed and every child will have an opportunity to read daily in class. Please remind the children to let any adults know if they need to change their book and that it is their responsibility to bring any old reading books back to school. There will be a reading stay and learn session in October.

Key Diary Dates

Autumn 1		Autumn 2	
		First day of term	3rd November 2025
First day of term	5th September 2025	Saffron Walden trip	20th November 2025
Parents' Evening 1	20 th October 2025	Mass at Blessed Sacrament	21st November 2025
Parents' Evening 2	22nd October 2025	Christmas Pantomime - Civic Theatre	10 th December 2025

Last Day of half term	24th October 2025	Last Day of Term	19th December 2025
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Curriculum Information

I have included a summary of some of the topics the children will be covering this term, so that you can best support your child with their learning at home.

I look forward to the year ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Cook

Autumn Term		
	1st Half Term	2nd Half Term
English	In English we will be studying a range of similar works by different authors; using this to write formal and informal letters that aim to persuade. We will finish the half term by looking at metaphorical poetry.	We will be reading Bill's New Frock as a class. We will be using this text to focus on character and setting descriptions, making a biography of the main character. We will then be looking at free-verse poetry linked to Christmas.
Maths	Place Value Addition and subtraction	Addition and subtraction Multiplication and division.
	It is essential for the children to know all of their time tables so that they can access the mathematics curriculum. Please encourage your child to practise on TTRockstars every evening to improve their speed and accuracy. Here are some useful websites to support your child with their learning at home: Corbett Maths Primary BBC Bitesize Maths Oak National Academy	

RE	Creation and Covenant	Prophecy and Promise
International Primary Curriculum	Making Waves - Sound and light are all around us – from the sound of thunder and the flash of lightning in a storm, to a mobile phone ringing and flashing when someone calls us. We are surrounded by lights and sounds. But what is sound? How are sounds made? How do we see and hear? And why do we see lightning before we hear the thunder? We will need to be scientists, musicians and designers to find out all about light and sound waves!	Temples, tombs and treasure - We will be learning about who the first Ancient civilisations were, where they settled in the world and why they chose that particular place. We will look at how these civilisations grew rapidly and lasted for thousands of years. We will need to be historians, artists, geographers and musicians.