



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'
Philippians 4:13



Autumn Term 2021 Term Newsletter

Wishing you all a very warm welcome to Year 3!

Year 3 Team: Miss Beckwith, Mrs Waterworth, Mrs Marwood, Mrs Hope, Miss Khan and Miss Walls
Lower Key Stage 2 Phase Leader: Miss Clayton

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

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 reasoning 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: The children will create a fact file about themselves, which will then be turned into a biography based on William Shakespeare and we will create a play script based on The Tempest. We will be reading 'Tudor Boy Spy' by Phillip Ardagh, which is linked to our History topic 'Off with her Head' based on the Tudors. Following this, we will create an advert for a Tudor Spy linked to our focus text. We will end the term by studying Christmas poems and tales.

Religious Education: RE lessons will reflect upon their own experiences of Harvest Festivals before learning about Harvest celebrations around the world.

Science: Our first Science unit will be Magnets and Forces. Children will investigate how magnets attract or repel some materials, about magnetic poles and friction. Children will make predictions and carry out investigations.

Computing: The children will learn about Digital Footprints in their online safety lessons and how everything they do online is recorded. They will also continue to improve their computer operational skills they learnt in Year 2.

Topic (History and Geography) In Geography, children will be studying the UK, including locating seas, rivers and counties throughout the country. Children will also be identifying the changes which have occurred in the UK over time. During our History lessons, children will look at the key events and figures of the Tudor times, including studying the monarchy, recognising King Henry VIII's wives, creating Tudor Houses as a home learning project and identifying how The Tudors influenced life today

Music: The children will be exploring a variety of classroom percussion instruments, experimenting with and categorizing their sounds.

Physical Education: Topics this term will include Invasion games, including ball skills, followed by Tennis

Art and Design: During the Autumn Term, children will be studying Hans Holbein and creating their own self-portrait. They will also observe pop art culture by Andy Warhol to incorporate into their self-portrait designs.

Relationships and Health Education (PSHE): We will be looking at families and close positive relationships followed by making healthy choices.

French: In year 3 we begin to learn French starting with greetings vocabulary and learning how to take part in a simple conversation with a partner.

Autumn Term Focus Theme: Off With Her Head
Focus Reading Text: Tudor Boy Spy by Phillip Ardagh

Recommended Websites:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk> <https://mathsframe.co.uk/>
<https://purplemash.co.uk> <https://trockstars.com/>

Twitter Accounts to follow:

@St_Wilfrids_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport
@beckwithclass @MrsSWaterworth @MrsMarwoodClass
@MrsHopeClass

Home Learning: All home learning is now set via Purple Mash. Please make sure that your child checks 2email in Purple Mash for information about home learning.

Spellings: Children will be given a spelling list every Monday and will be tested the following Monday.

Reading: In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents/Carers are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure.

We ask parents/carers to sign and date reading records every time you hear your child read (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. Reading records must be brought into school on your child's allocated day, for teachers to monitor.

Children will have the opportunity to change their reading book and library book once a week on an allocated library afternoon. Year 3's library afternoon is Monday—Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and library book on this day if they wish to change it.

All children will have the opportunity to read a variety of high-quality texts in class, including 'Reading for Pleasure' books, and 'Related Reads', which are linked to their focus theme.

Please also visit our website to view our 'Reading Round-Up', 'Author of the Month', 'Reading Challenges', 'Reading Wall of Fame', 'Reading Rabbits' and 'Patron of Reading'.

Anything that you would like to share and celebrate with school, regarding reading, can be emailed to reading@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk

Maths: All children have now got access to **Maths Whizz**, which is a virtual maths tutoring programme [link](#) and **TT Rockstars** (Year 1 to 6 only), a maths programme focusing on multiplication tables [link](#)

Please encourage your child to these online programmes on a regular basis. If you do not know your child's username and password please contact helpdesk@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk

Autumn Term 2021 Diary Dates:



Monday 6th September	School opens for Autumn Term 1
Monday 20th September	PTFA AGM
Friday 24th September	Non-Uniform Day for September Birthdays
Tuesday 5th October	Virtual Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Friday 8th October	PTFA Family Night
Tuesday 12th October	Individual and Siblings Photographs
Thursday 14th October	Virtual Parents' Evening 6 – 8pm
Thursday 21st October	Non-Uniform Day for October Birthdays
Thursday 21st October	School closes for Half Term
Monday 1st November	School reopens for Autumn Term 2
Friday 26th November	Non-Uniform Day for November Birthdays
Thursday 2nd December	PTFA Storytime with Santa event
Friday 10th December	KS2 Christmas Disco
Friday 17th December	Non-Uniform Day for December Birthdays
Friday 17th December	School closes for Christmas holiday

Autumn Term 2021 Worship Themes:

w/c 06.09.21	New Beginnings
w/c 13.09.21	Courage
w/c 20.09.21	Giving/Harvest
w/c 27.09.21	Angels
w/c 04.10.21	Serving
w/c 11.10.21	Christianity around the world
w/c 18.10.21	Healing
w/c 01.11.21	All Saints
w/c 08.11.21	Remembrance
w/c 15.11.21	Fair
w/c 22.11.21	Prayer
w/c 29.11.21	Advent
w/c 06.12.21	Joy
w/c 13.12.21	Celebration

Additional Information:

Playground Equipment and Games: Children are not allowed to use any of the playground equipment or bring in balls to play with before or after school. Also, children are not permitted to use bikes or scooters on the school grounds. This is for health and safety reasons. Children must not enter the school car park or climb on the blue railings.

PE Uniform: PE lessons will take place on Wednesday. Children will be expected to attend school in PE uniform on their PE day. This consists of a sky-blue T-shirt, school jumper or cardigan, and navy/black shorts, or navy/black leggings, or navy/black joggers, and a pair of dark-coloured trainers (no bright colours please). Children are also encouraged to bring a rainproof jacket for outdoor use in inclement weather.

Handwriting Pens (KS2): Teachers will issue a 'Pen Licence' if and when your child is ready to make the transition from pencil to pen.

Parking: Please be reminded that parking on the school premises is for permit-holders only between 7am and 5.00pm.

Pets: Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.

Attendance and Punctuality: Good attendance is crucial in your child's education. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please notify the office staff. If your child has COVID-19 symptoms (new or continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste or sense of smell) they must self-isolate and arrange a PCR test. Please inform school immediately of the result.

School Uniform: Please ensure that children wear the correct school 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 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. Long hair should be tied back. We discourage extreme haircuts eg: unnatural colours, closely shaven, mohawks.

Earrings: Children are not permitted to wear earrings in school. This is for health and safety reasons.

Water bottles: Children are encouraged to drink water during the school 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. Please be aware that there are children in school with nut allergies. Therefore, can you please ensure that your child does not bring any items containing nuts into school as part of their packed lunch or snack. Please note that this may include some cereal bars.

Birthday Celebrations: We will continue to invite children to wear non-uniform on the last Friday of the month of their birthday. As restrictions have now been lifted for parties, children will not be required to bring in a party snack.

Medication: If your child requires medication such as inhalers, please ensure that you child's class teacher is provided with medication that is within its expiry date and is clearly labelled. You will be required to complete a medical form from the school office.