



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

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

Year 3 Spring Term Newsletter



Happy New Year!

Thank you for your continued support.

Our Curriculum: (Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Mathematics: This term children will develop further knowledge of place value before continuing to develop mathematical skills in using and applying number facts, multiplication and division, fractions and handling measures.

English: This half term, children will be writing a journey description and instructions for mummification. After half term, children will be studying 'Tudor Boy Spy' by Philip Ardagh, which will be linked to our History topic, 'The Tudors'.

Religious Education: 'Called by God' - In this unit children will explore what it means to be called by God. We will investigate the lives of people who have been called by God; both in the past and more recently.

Science:

Plants—Children will learn about the main parts of a plant and their functions. They will also learn about how water is transported.

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

Computing: We will be creating a 3D video game using Kodu.

Topic: 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 project and identifying how The Tudors influenced life today.

Music: Year 3 will be studying and composing in the style of the music of John Adams. After half-term they will be looking at classical music that depicts animals: Carnival of the Animals and Peter and the Wolf.

Physical Education: This term, the children will cover the topics, gymnastics and outdoor adventurous activities.

Art and Design: Children will be consolidating their learning about Ancient Egypt by designing and creating prints related to hieroglyphics.

Design and Technology: After half term, children will be designing and making their own healthy soup.

Spring Term Focus Theme: 'Off with her Head!'

Focus Reading Text:

'The Secret Diary of Thomas Snoop: Tudor Boy Spy'
by Philip Ardagh.

Recommended Websites:

www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk/
<https://trockstars.com/>
<https://spellingframe.co.uk/>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>
<https://mathsframe.co.uk/>

Twitter Accounts to follow:

@St_Wilfrids_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport

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 Monday. Children will be expected to learn these spellings throughout the week at home. They will have a spelling test on the following Monday.

English Homework. A piece of English homework will be given out when appropriate.

Maths Homework. A piece of Maths homework will be given out when appropriate. Children are expected to practise their 2,3,4,5, 8 and 10 times tables as part of their home learning.

Times Table Challenge: Children will be given a half termly times table challenge, where they can achieve a range of awards.

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

A message from the PTFA...

"We have had a fantastic Autumn Term and have raised lots of funds that our children will be able to take advantage of throughout the year. All of our Christmas events were very popular and the Christmas Fair saw it's highest profit to date. I would like to thank all parents and carers who have shown their support for all of our events, as well as school staff and the PTFA team for their continued commitment. We look forward to the next term of activities and events and would welcome new members to join us." Katie Ashcroft (Chair)



Spring Term 2020 Diary Dates:

		Month						
		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Thursday 9th January	Year 5 Educational Visit to Cuerden Valley Park							
Friday 10th January	Wellbeing Themed Day—Humility							
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day							
Monday 13th January	Year 5 Educational Visit to Cuerden Valley Park							
Wednesday 15th January	Year 4 'Bright Sparks' Electricity Day							
Thursday 16th January	Year 4 'Bright Sparks' Electricity Day							
Tuesday 21st January	Year 3 Educational Visit to Liverpool World Museum							
Wednesday 22nd January	Year 2 Educational Visit to Manchester Science Museum							
Thursday 23rd January	Year 4 'Bright Sparks' Electricity Day							
w/c 3rd February	Children's Mental Health Week 2020—Find Your Brave!							
Monday 3rd February	Year 5 Enrichment Experience to Chill Factor, Manchester (details to follow)							
4th—7th February	One Day Creation Online Safety Workshops to all classes							
Monday 10th February	Year 6 Educational Visit to Chester Zoo							
Friday 14th February	School closes for half term							
Monday 24th February	School reopens for Spring Term 2							
Monday 24th February	Year 6 Confirmation Service at St. Wilfrid's Church at 7pm							
Wednesday 26th February	KS2 Ash Wednesday Service at Church at 2.30pm							
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day—details to follow							
Thursday 12th March	Parents' Evening 6.00—8.00pm							
Tuesday 17th March	Parents' Evening 3.30—5.30pm							
Friday 20th March	KS1 Mothers' Day Service at Church 9.30am							
Friday 3rd April	Palm Praise Service at Church—KS1 9.30am and KS2 10.30am							
Friday 3rd April	School closes at end of day for Easter Holiday							



Advance Notice (after Easter Holiday): Friday 24th April—Easter Praise Service at Church KS1 9.30am and KS2 10.30am

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 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 Thursdays. 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. Year 3 **will not** be swimming during the Spring Term.

Extra Curricular Activities: During the Spring term, there will be a wide range of extra curricular activities for your child to attend. Letters will be sent out with information about how you can access these clubs.

Parent Drop In: Parent drop in sessions will take place every Tuesday during the Spring Term with Mrs Newman (Assistant Headteacher & Inclusion Manager) and Mrs Saggerson (Learning Mentor) for parents/carers who require support on SEND and pastoral issues. The drop in will be from 9.00am –9.30am in the KS2 Library and access will be through the main doors of the Cedar Building (KS2). Please sign in at the school office first.

Parking: Please be reminded that parking on the school premises is for permit-holders only between 7am and 4.30pm.

Reminders:

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. 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 Spring Term and full year.

School Uniform: Please ensure that children wear the correct school uniform and look smart., which 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 earrings.



We look forward to an exciting Spring Term!

Year 3 Staff—Miss Clayton, Miss Beckwith, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Bolton.
Learning Mentor—Mrs Saggerson