



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

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



Spring Term 2022 Term Newsletter

Wishing you all a very happy New Year, from the Year 3 team!

Year 3 Team: Miss Beckwith, Mrs. Hope, Mrs. Marwood, Mrs. Waterworth, Miss Khan, Mrs. Smethurst, and Miss Walls

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 measures including time and perimeter.

English: This term's focus text is 'The Street Beneath my Feet' by Charlotte Guillain and Yuval Zommer. This text links to our Science topic of 'Rocks and Soils.'

Religious Education: In this unit, the children will explore how Jesus changes lives. We will study Bible stories and look at famous figures from recent history.

Science: *Rocks and soils-* Children will learn about the fossilisation process and how different types of rocks are formed. *Animals including humans-* Children will learn about the different food groups and the importance of a balanced diet. They will learn to describe and explain the skeletal system of humans and compare to animal skeletons.

Computing: The children will learn about email and how to use it correctly and safely. Children will further their database knowledge by creating a branching database for choosing a pet. They will finish the term by learning how to present their database information in graphical format with an introduction to Microsoft Excel.

Topic: *History-* The children will find out about the lives of famous 'Wiganers' e.g. George Formby. *Geography-* We will learn about where our food comes from.

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 be taking part in Sportshall Athletics and gymnastics.

Art and Design: We will be looking at the artist, Mark Rothko and creating our own fabric panel based on his designs.

PSHE: We will be looking at making healthy choices and learning about safe relationships.

Design and Technology: We will be looking at the different types of food before designing and making our own healthy sandwich.

French: We will be learning the French alphabet and how to spell our own name and other simple words

Spring Term Focus Theme: Beneath my Feet

Focus Reading Text: 'The Street Beneath my Feet' by Charlotte Guillain and Yuval Zommer

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

@MrsHopeClass @lbeckwithclass @MrsSWaterworth

@MrsMarwoodClass

Home Learning: All 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 **four** 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 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: Children in Year 1 to 6 have got access to **TT Rockstars**, a maths programme focusing on multiplication tables [link](#). Please encourage your child to this online programme on a regular basis. If you do not know your child's username and password please contact helpdesk@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk

Spring Term 2022 Diary Dates:



Wednesday 5th January	School opens for Spring Term 1
Friday 7th January	Non-Uniform Day for Perryn House Point Winners
Friday 28th January	Non-Uniform Day for January birthdays
Saturday 5th February	Launch of 'Saturday at 4' worship at St. Wilfrid's Church
Friday 18th February	Non-Uniform Day for February birthdays
Friday 18th February	School closes for Half Term
Monday 28th February	School reopens for Spring Term 2
Friday 25th March	Non-Uniform Day for March birthdays
Friday 1st April	School closes for Easter holiday

Parents' Evening TBC

Spring Term 2022 Worship Themes:

w/c 4.1.22	Epiphany
w/c 10.1.22	Fair
w/c 17.1.22	Unity
w/c 24.1.22	Special People in History and their Christian Faith
w/c 31.1.22	How do we see Jesus in other people?
w/c 7.2.22	Kindness
w/c 14.2.22	Love
w/c 28.2.22	Lent
w/c 9.3.22	Serving
w/c 14.3.22	Peoples of the World- living life as a Christian
w/c 21.3.22	How do we praise God?
w/c 28.3.22	Palm Praise

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 Wednesdays. 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 4.30pm.

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.

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.