



ST. JOHN'S C. OF E.
PRIMARY SCHOOL
BELIEVE AND SUCCEED

Working within the context of Christian beliefs and practice:

At St John's our children and their families always come first.
We value our children's feelings, creativeness and success in their learning equally, helping each child's love of learning grow, whilst also developing their interior posture.

At St John's our Core Christian Values are
Compassion Interior Posture
Wisdom Courage and Endurance

Life in all its fullness at its heart

John 10:10

Year 3 Autumn 1 – Poplar and Rowan

Mr Qualter – Rowan Teacher 	Miss Edgar – Poplar Teacher 	Mr Firth – PE Lead Teacher 	Miss Fisher – Cover Supervisor 	Mrs Hanif – Cover Supervisor 
Miss Simpson – Cover Supervisor 	Mrs Mitchell – Music Teacher 	Mrs Cooper – Learning Support Assistant 	Mrs Iqbal – Learning Support Assistant 	Miss Younis – HLTA 
Mrs Baker – SEND CO 	Miss Stitch – KS2 Phase Leader 	Mrs Shields – Lead Learning Mentor 	Mrs Smith – KS2 Learning Mentor 	

Adults who work in our Year Group

English

In English this half term, we will be recapping GPS skills from year 2 then focusing on year 3 skills. We will move on to read 'The Heart and the Bottle' by Oliver Jeffers. We will widen our use of vocabulary through prediction, character and setting descriptions. We will develop our knowledge of grammar within a sentence carefully considering how our new and previously learnt skills can be used within a range of sentence types. We will also be studying the poem 'Bed in Summer' by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Maths

In the Autumn term, we will be looking at place value of numbers to 1000. We will use a range of place value resources to help us to understand the value of each digit in a number so that we can order and compare numbers. We will then move on to looking at addition and subtraction and a range of methods that can be used to solve problems.

Science

In Science, we will be investigating what plants need to grow and to be healthy. We will be able to identify the different parts of flowering plants and look at the role of flowers in the life cycle of a plant. We will be learning about different types of seed dispersal too.

Religious Education

Our big question for this half term is, "What kind of world did Jesus want?" We will build on our understanding of the life and acts of Jesus and what this can mean for people today. We will examine how he met his disciples, how he began his ministry on Earth and what he wanted for our world.

Personal Social Health Education

Our topic title for PSHE this half term is Being Me. We will be looking at getting to know one another and thinking about how our actions affect ourselves and others. We will look at how to make sensible choices.

Computing

We will create an interactive comic with sounds, formatted text and video. We will explore the features and tools of Keynote to enhance our digital comic by creating a story board, adding media and annotating images and text.

Curriculum

In Geography, our topic is mountains. We will learn the features of mountains and learn how to identify them, and we will use maps to find where different mountain ranges are in the world, as well as learning how mountains are formed and change over time.

In History we will be learning about life in Early Britain. The children will explore the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. The children will research major events that happened in these times.

Music

Children will be looking at Rhythms and developing their knowledge of these from KS1. We will build on their ability to read and write in rhythmic notation through body percussion performances and look at the idea of recording ideas musically in the form of Graphic Scores. Our singing work will become more formalised and we will start to look at the keywords and skills needed to develop range and projection.

Physical Education

In KS2 PE this half term children will be focusing on two topics. Travel - Roll - Balance and Defend - Attack - score.

Children will develop a range of gymnastics skills by performing and creating routines. Children will also develop their apparatus work, experimenting with

different ways to travel on a range of equipment. Furthermore, children will be developing their tactical skills in a range of handball, football and endzone games as well as progressing skills such as passing and finding space.

MFL

We are going to be starting to learn a new language- French. We will update our learning for MFL in Autumn 2.

Additional Information

Welcome back and welcome to Year 3!

We are very excited for the year ahead and have lots of fun learning planned for this half term!

Our Physical Education lessons are on a **THURSDAY** each week. Children need to attend school wearing their school PE kit for the full day. Our PE kit consists of:

- White school logo / plain t-shirt
- Bottle green school logo / plain hooded sweatshirt
- Black shorts, black jogging trousers, black gym skirt, black cycling shorts or black leggings (a small sports logo is permitted)
- Trainers (children will have a pair of pumps in school already)

We also ask that children with long hair have it tied back for safety during PE lessons.

We encourage children to have a love of reading, not only while they are in school, but at home too. To share this love, please encourage your child to read as well as complete Reading Journals based on books they have read. These can be on any book they read and do not have to be a book they have chosen at school. More information can be found in children's green A5 Reading Journal books. Children are rewarded for completing different amounts of reading journals. Each term, we have a book chat with Mr Knight for children who have completed 4 in a row on the ingo grids in their reading journal.

We complete 2 maths passports a week in year 3. Please encourage your child to practise their passport skills as much as possible using the passport practise sheets on the back on their test sheets that are sent home. Children are welcome to take extra sheets if they wish and they can also access TT Rockstars.

Our library days are:

Poplar- Tuesday

Rowan – Thursday

Please encourage your child to have their chosen Library book with them on this day. We visit the school Library during the school day.

Thank you for your continued support and don't forget that you are able to contact us at year3.poplar@stj.bdat-academies.org or year3.rowan@stj.bdat-academies.org

This email will be monitored between the hours of 8.30am and 4pm and responses will be made within 2 working days.

Miss Edgar & Mr Qualter

Online Safety

We value the importance of eSafety at St John's CE Primary. Click the image to take you to our dedicated page on the school website. You can also find updated support through the app on the 'Content' page.



*If you would like to share any stories at home, we have access to Oxford Owl where you can read from the eBook Library. Scan the QR code then
login as a student*

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