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

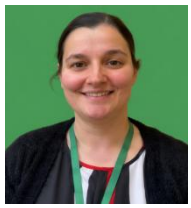
Compassion Interior Posture

Wisdom Courage and Endurance

Life in all its fullness at its heart

John 10:10

Year 3 Autumn 2 – 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 	
Mrs Baker – SENDCO 	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, we will be reading two books this half term. There are books are The Dark and, secondly, The Iron Man. We will continue to work on developing our sentence structure and exploring new vocabulary and ways to make our story writing more engaging for the reader.
Maths
In Maths, we will In Maths, we will be continuing to learn about formal methods and move onto multiplication and division. In year 3 we have learnt the 3,4 and 8 times tables.
Science
In Science, we will be looking at rocks, soils and fossils and finding about different types of rocks and how fossils are formed. We will develop our ways of working scientifically by using our skills of observation, asking questions and recording information carefully to help us to classify different rocks.
Religious Education
Our big question for this half term and next half term is 'What does it mean to be a Sikh in Britain today?' We will investigate some of the key beliefs for the Sikh religion and find out about Guru Nanak and his teachings.
Personal Social Health Education
Our topic title for PSHE this half term is Celebrating Differences. We will look at the importance of our families and the people who care for us. We will look at how our words and actions can solve problems or make a problem worse.
Computing
We will create In Computing this half term, we are learning about computational Thinking and Coding. As part of this topic we will be designing a moving animation and bringing it to life using a program called Scratch. This program is widely available and can be found at https://scratch.mit.edu/ should you want to practise at home. In addition to our coding we will also be finding out about how to stay alert in E-Safety, protecting our online information and identity, and how to identify a phishing scam.
Curriculum
We will continue our learning in History 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. We will also be studying collage in Art focussing on the artist Henri Matisse. We have invited families to join us on Wednesday 18th November from 1.45pm to create our final pieces.
Music
Children will be looking this half term at their Christmas concert performance song. This will be linked to learning around Film Music- exploring the idea of emotion in music. We will also learn to use our element keywords when talking about existing pieces of music. In

singing, we will start to add shape to our melodies, working on how best to support long and high notes and ensure smooth movement from one note to the next.

Physical Education

In KS2 PE this half term

This half term in PE, children will be focusing on 2 topics. These will include look, run, evade skills and serve, strike, rally skills.

Children will develop these skills in a range of invasion games such as football and net/wall games such as badminton.

MFL

In French this half term we will continue to learn about French culture and start to learn the French alphabet and numbers 1-20.

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***

Username: ***stjohnsce23***

Password: ***BD46JF***