



# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

## Curriculum Information

Year 3 Spring Term 2020

Subject	What are we doing in school?	How can you help at home?
<p data-bbox="383 464 472 496"><b>Topic</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="674 416 1043 443"><b>The Stone Age to the Iron Age</b></p> <p data-bbox="674 451 1285 839">This topic will incorporate strands from our art and design, and Design and Technology curriculum. It will be full of practical activities to help the children understand what life was like during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. The topic will start by recognising where this era fits on a timeline as part of their history. The children will also make plans and maps using keys and symbols based on the Stone Age settlement of Skara Brae as well as another Stone Age settlement, based on the book 'Stone Age Boy'.</p> <p data-bbox="674 847 1279 948">We are planning a trip to coincide with this topic which will give children the chance to visualise life during this period.</p>	<p data-bbox="1314 416 2002 443">Here are some websites to help with this term's learning:</p> <p data-bbox="1314 523 1906 550"><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z82hsbk">http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/z82hsbk</a></p> <p data-bbox="1314 595 1917 622"><a href="http://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/stone-age/">http://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/stone-age/</a></p> <p data-bbox="1314 667 1957 694"><a href="http://timetravellerkids.co.uk/time-travel/stone-age/">http://timetravellerkids.co.uk/time-travel/stone-age/</a></p>
<p data-bbox="349 1043 510 1075"><b>Numeracy</b></p>	<p data-bbox="674 995 1285 1203">This term the children will be consolidating their learning about place value and using this to solve problems involving addition, subtraction and multiplication in the column method. The children will also be investigating money, measuring length and perimeter and fractions.</p> <p data-bbox="674 1211 1285 1275">The children will also complete weekly times tables challenges.</p>	<p data-bbox="1314 995 2002 1059">Topmarks is a brilliant website that the children can use to practise all different aspects of maths.</p> <p data-bbox="1314 1067 1883 1131"><a href="http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting">http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting</a></p> <p data-bbox="1314 1176 2002 1240">My Maths has a variety of games and activities to support the children's learning <a href="http://www.mymaths.co.uk">www.mymaths.co.uk</a></p>



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## Science



### Rocks and Soil

In Science this term, we will be focusing on rocks and soil. This is an excellent link for the children's Stone Age topic. The children will learn to identify and group rocks based on their properties and appearance. The children will also learn what soil consists of and how fossils are made. The topic will give the children the opportunity to make predictions and present their findings in a variety of ways.

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/materials/rocks\\_soils/read/1/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/materials/rocks_soils/read/1/)

In order to extend their learning, children could try and identify different rocks that they see when they are out and about. It would be really interesting to see where they notice different rocks, and to share their ideas and understanding at home.

## Reading



We love reading! Children read in class every day. They read in a variety of ways including whole class, small group and individual reading.

Books will be changed when we feel the children are able to read the words with a good degree of fluency and can confidently retell and understand the text. We may send the same book home for a second reading if we feel more practise is needed with the above.

Books will be changed on a weekly basis.

We hope you will support us in listening to children read at home, if possible, **a minimum of three times a week.**

Your comments are a valuable contribution to the reading record so once you have read together with your child please record your experience which helps us to know when to change books.



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## Literacy



Our Literacy will use the text *The Stone Age Boy* as a basis for our writing. We will use this text as a framework to write explanations and read, write and perform free verse poetry.

The second half of the term will focus on writing non-fiction reports which will include note-taking and the use of ICT to present the work. The children will then learn how to read and write haiku, Tanka and kennings poems.

During this time, the children will learn how to use the present perfect tense in their writing, headings and subheadings to aid presentation and continue to extend the use of conjunctions in their work.

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

## Spelling



For spellings in Year 3, the children will be learning about different spelling patterns such as words spelt with the 'zhun' sound, for example, division, and the children will be continuing to learn how to use prefixes in their writing. The focus will be on using un, dis, mis, re and pre. The children will also be consolidating their work on homophones and focus on learning the different ways of spelling them in the correct context. On a Friday the children will learn the concept, then during the week the children will have opportunities to apply the spellings with different activities and at the end of the week the children will write down sentences including the words.

There are different ways to help remember spellings. Try looking at the word first of all, sounding out the letters and then covering up the word before your child writes it down.

- Memory recall of all the spellings given.
- Finding other words with the same pattern.
- Finding the longest word with this pattern.
- Drawing the letters and decorating them.
- Making up silly rhymes using each word, for example TEAM = Together Every Ant Munches.

## RE

### Journeys

This topic investigates the journey taken by the Catholic church. It will start by looking at the Liturgical Calendar and then progress on to

To help at home, it would be brilliant if you could encourage the children to talk about what experiences they have of the different topics, such as, journeys, listening and sharing and giving. How and when have they had to do these things?



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learning about pilgrimages- the specific journeys gone on by Catholics. The topic will look at the importance of prayer in the Catholic faith, and how it helps people on their own journey of faith.

### Listening and Sharing

Stages of Mass-This topic will examine the different parts of the mass. For example, the children will learn about the reading of the Gospel, the gathering at the beginning of mass, and the offering of the gifts.

### Giving All

Lent, forgiveness, what Jesus gave for us  
In this topic, the children will learn about what happened in the build up to the crucifixion of Jesus. The topic will have the key themes of giving, sacrifice and forgiveness.  
This topic also links to the Easter production, which the Year 3 children will have a key part in.

If your child is making their Holy Communion next year, it would also be worthwhile linking their experiences of their communion classes to what they have learnt at school.

## PE



PE is timetabled on Monday.  
The children will continue to improve and refine the gymnastic skills that they have been practising this term. The children will use what they have learnt to sequence and join moves together, as well as evaluate their own performances.  
After half term, the children will start swimming lessons. Girls will need a proper swimsuit, not bikinis and will need to make sure their hair is tied up and earrings are removed. All children need to make sure they have swimming hats as well.

There are occasions when extra PE slots are available so it is always a good idea to have kit at school all week.  
A plain white T-shirt, white shorts and black plimsolls are required for indoor P.E. and we would like the children to wear plain dark tracksuit bottoms and trainers for P.E. outside and for the colder weather.  
Please remove earrings, jewellery and watches at home on PE day as children are required to remove their own earrings because teachers are not authorised to remove them. Please name your child's kit and PE bag.



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### Homework



Children will be given homework weekly via the Learning Conversations sent home on a Friday. However, as previously mentioned regular reading and practise of times tables is very important.

The children will also be expected to practise their spellings and times tables, as well as read their reading books at least 3 times per week.