



Welcome to Year 3

Teachers

Miss Brady a young and enthusiastic teacher from Northern Ireland will be teaching Year 3 along with Mrs Leanne Oliver, an experienced teacher from a local school, joining in January 2017.

Miss Brady is the class teacher for 3B, along with Mrs Dyson (Monday Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mrs Stevens (Thursday and Friday) until Miss Oliver joins as the teacher for 3M. There are two teaching assistants who help in both Year 3 classes and Year 4 classes; Mrs Lopez and Mrs Alderton. In addition, the children will be taught by Mrs Mather for Music, Mr Arnold for Games and Madame Harrison for French.

Marist Learner

The Marist Learner is at the heart of all our learning. During each day, we will be reminding the children of what it means to be a Marist Learner and looking for examples of the attributes in practice. When discussing their learning, we expect the children to identify their strengths and the areas they wish or need to develop.

Safeguarding and communication

At The Marist, the safety of your child is paramount. E-safety is an integral part of our curriculum and we ask for your support in demonstrating responsible internet and social media use to our children: this includes awareness of privacy when sharing photographs online.

Keeping children safe means fostering an open channel of communication between home and school: if you have any concerns, we would request that you speak to your child's class teacher or another member of staff in the first instance. Please support all our children by refraining from discussing school matters in an open forum – in our experience, the best way to resolve any issues is by speaking to us.

Maths

The children will follow the new National Curriculum which involves a daily structured maths lesson. There is great emphasis on oral and mental maths and the lessons do not always comprise recorded work. The new national curriculum expectation is that by the end of Year 4 children will know all their times tables up to 12 x 12; for this reason it is important that the children practise their multiplication tables regularly. They should already know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables, and will need to learn their 3, 4 and 8 times table over the course of Year 3. We will be testing them, and their mental maths, on a weekly basis.

English

In our English lessons children work from a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to support their creative writing and learning of SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

It is the school's expectation that all children from Year 3 upwards will write in a blue handwriting pen. Please can you help us by putting your children's name on their pens so they are not lost.

All pupils are encouraged to change their own reading books, choosing from their colour band. Progress is monitored by the teacher and the children are benchmarked when ready to move to next level. Guided Reading will take place once a week where the children will read with the teacher and this will be recorded in their reading record.

We hope to have as many parent helpers as possible to support the class with individual reading in the afternoons; if you can help us with this, please let us know!



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RE

Within Year 3 this term we will focus on three key themes; those of Domestic Church (Homes), Baptism and Confirmation (Promises) and Advent and Christmas (Visitors). We will also be looking at Judaism as our Other Faiths week this term. In the summer term we shall focus on Islam.

Class Worship Dates

	Leading Whole School Worship 9 to 9.30 am in Hall
St Bernadette	Friday 5 th May 2017
St Matthew	Friday 10 th March 2017

Foundation subjects

A curriculum web is published at the beginning of each half-term and outlines the content of each subject being taught.

P.E.

We do P.E. on Mondays, and the children have their weekly Games lesson on Wednesdays. In the Summer term, children will continue their swimming lessons. Please ensure that all kit and uniform are clearly named in a strong P.E. bag. We would ask that long hair is tied up for safety reasons. A note is required if your child is unable to participate in either P.E or swimming.

No jewellery or valuables should be brought into school. Watches may be worn, but should be removed for P.E.

Homework

Each night, 20 minutes of homework which may be reading and questioning with parent, spellings and/or mental maths/times table practice.

Spellings are given on a **Friday** with a test on the following **Friday**. Maths homework will be set weekly on the My Maths website on **Wednesdays** to be completed by the following **Monday**. Please check the MyMaths website for this. Normally one other piece of homework (usually English but occasionally topic research/project or 'finishing off') per week is given on **Wednesdays** for the following **Monday**. Please check book bags for this.

School Trips/Events

We will be visiting Haslemere Museum on Monday 29th November to complement our History and Science topics for the term (Ancient Egyptians and Animals, including humans). We do need parent helpers to come with us, but a current DBS check must be held.

We will let you know of any other visits/school trips through the school year as they are confirmed.

DBS Checks

All parent helpers must now be police checked before working/helping with children. There is no charge for volunteers, however contributions are welcome. Please let the class teacher know if you are interested and then make an appointment with the Office.

If you would like to see any of the teachers, please make an appointment through the office. We hope that everyone has a happy and successful Year 3 and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support.

Mrs Dyson, Mrs Stevens and Miss Brady