

# Year 3 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Ahead of us are exciting challenges as children in Year 3 - We are so proud of how well the children worked in the Autumn term. We would like to thank you for your support and involvement last term and look forward to the new term, so here is a summary of what will be covered in class this term.

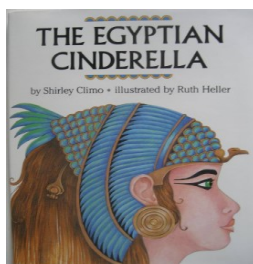
## ENGLISH

This term we will be looking at books about fairy tales.

We will be writing narratives and retelling then and writing persuasively. We will be using all the features we will learn about.

We will also be developing our vocabulary.

We will also be continuing our huge push on handwriting and joining our letters correctly.



## MATHS

This term we will be looking at mental strategies for addition and subtraction, column addition and subtraction, using times tables to solve problems and fractions as part of a whole.



## RE

We continue to follow the Archdiocese of Birmingham RE strategy.

This half term we will be looking at the following units.

Unit D - Christmas

Unit E - We listen to God's word at Mass.

Our Virtue this half term is  
"Eloquent and Truthful"

### Geography

During the Spring Term children will be finding out about Our Local Area. They will locate Erdington on a map and look at what makes up the local area. We will look at the physical geography of Erdington. We will learn about the land use in Erdington and how this has changed over time.

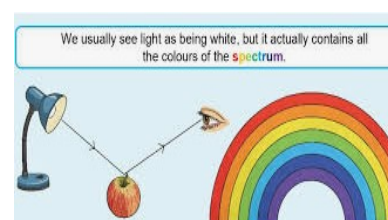


### SCIENCE

The children will be learning about Light this term.

We will be learning about how light travels and reflective surfaces.

We will also look at what we need to use to protect us from UV light.



### COMPUTING

This term we will be learning how to type more effectively through a unit of work on Touch Typing. Throughout this we will constantly be learning how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly. Giving the children the ability to recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour on-line so they can identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact.

### PE

Children will be working on two strands of the PE curriculum this term.

gymnastics, where children will learn about different types of balances, rolls and jumps. This includes knowing how to land safely.

Tennis- where they will learn skills of ball and racquet control and footwork.

### ART

Year 3 will be learning about Chromatic Art. Children will be learning how to use water colours correctly to paint life images.



### At home

Please encourage your child to read as much as they can at home and persuade them to read a wide range of texts (fiction and non-fiction). It would be very useful if they could recall the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables with speed and accuracy.

P.E. and games lessons will be on Tuesday and Thursday J3 and Monday and Thursday for M3.

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their kit on these days.

If there is anything you are unsure about, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with you.

Mrs Alexander, Mrs Vernon, Mrs Kidson, Mrs Doody, Miss Edge, Mrs Clifton and Miss Ghandi