

# Year 3 Learning Journey

Summer 1



**St. Michael's**  
Catholic Primary School

## English

We will be starting this half term with 'Why the Whales Came' by Michael Morpurgo. This novel follows the story of two children who befriend an outcast on the remote island of Bryher during World War I, where they uncover secrets about the island's past and its mystical connections to the sea. This unit builds on prior units by giving the opportunity for children to apply everything they've learnt so far about story structure and sentence level grammar to their own story writing.

## History / Geography

In History we will be learning about Ancient Greece. We will begin by looking at democracy, the Peloponnesian War and the Parthenon. We will then move onto Greek literature. In Geography we will be looking at Volcanoes. We will look at what happens when a volcano erupts and how volcanoes are formed. We will explore why some people choose to be near a dangerous volcano.

## Science

This half term our topic is forces and magnets. We will explore how we make things move. We will look at contact and non-contact forces. We will then discover how magnets work and how they can help us.

## Parents as Partners

Please read with your child every night.  
Please keep up the great work with learning Times-Tables.

## Art and Design / Design Technology

In Art this term we will use brown, gummed tape to produce a 3D form and develop a design in response to the work of a famous artist. We will be able to use clay to produce a tile and a slab and inlay a simple clay design. We will use paper to produce a relief surface.

## Religious Education

Our topic will be 'Energy' which focuses on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The focus of this work is the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. You might like to talk about good news in your family and how you shared it. You could ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.

**'Learning together in faith and love, we shine as children of God'**

## Computing

We will become familiar with the terms 'text' and 'images' and emojis and understand that they can be used to communicate messages offline and online. We will use desktop publishing software and consider careful choices of font size, colour and type to edit and improve work.

## Physical Education

We will work on our tennis skills. This will include developing our racket and ball control. We will return the ball using forehand and backhand. We will learn how to score and use simple rules.

## Mathematics

We will be carrying out further learning on fractions. We will add and subtract fractions. We will find unit and non unit fractions of a set of objects.

Our next topic will be money. We will convert pounds and pence. We will add money, subtract money and find change. We will not begin to use the decimal point until Year 4 so e.g. £5.38 will be referred to as £5 and 38p for now.

## Music

All the learning in this unit is focused around one song: Bringing Us Together - a Disco song about friendship, peace, hope and unity. We will continue to learn about rhythm, pulse and pitch as we enjoy performing this song.

## Modern Foreign Languages

This half term we will be continuing to say basic words and phrases in Spanish.