



Welcome to Year 3 - Faithfulness Class

Class Teacher: Miss Jenyon

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Davies

Year 3 - Block 1

A very warm welcome from the Year 3 team; Miss Jenyon and Mrs Davies. We have been eager to begin the new term and look forward to working with your wonderful children this year!

Your child is now entering their first year of Key Stage 2.

Spiritual	Trusted	Resilient	Inquisitive	Valued	Exceptional
* Have good manners and be courteous * Be considerate of others * Show God's love in our actions	* Use and look after equipment responsibly * Begin to work independently * Make my own decisions to help me learn (without relying on the teacher)	* Keep trying when things are hard * Have pride in my work, making it the best it can be * Share my ideas confidently	* Ask questions about my learning * Think about what I've learnt before and how this can help * Understand that to try new things is to take a risk	* Listen to what others have to say * Respect what adults ask me to do * Appreciate that everybody has strengths in different areas	* Make sure I am ready to learn * Apply my knowledge in all subject areas * Be a good role model around school at all times

The value St. Simon's will focus on this year is **Valued**. Each class will represent a different gospel value to help us **STRIVE** to be the best we can be. We are **Faithfulness Class**.

We will aim show faithfulness in all we do, by demonstrating honesty, fairness and compassion in our words and actions, forgiving one another and saying sorry when mistakes are made. Later in the year, we will learn more about our faith in our RE lessons, where we will begin our 'Faith Explorers' lessons, deepening our understanding of the Sacraments of First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion.

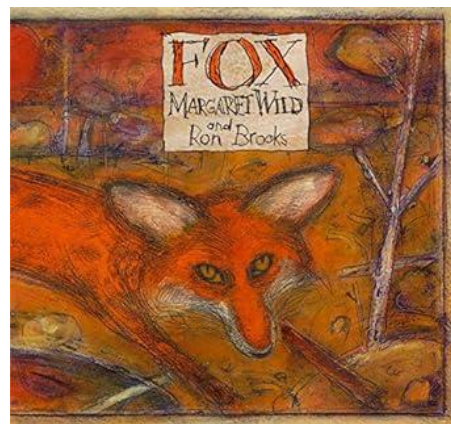
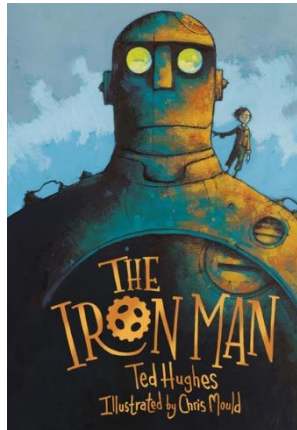


What we will learn in Block 1

In this block of learning we will investigate the enquiry question:

How did life change for people living in the Stone, Bronze, and Iron Ages?

We will use the themes of **belonging, change and spirituality** to help us investigate this question further.



We will make great use of some wonderful books to inspire our **writing** lessons, such as 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and 'Fox' by Margaret Wild. There will be ample opportunity for drama, artwork and to build on this year's **STRIVE** theme, valued!

In **Maths** we will build on the children's prior learning from Year 2. Topics we will cover this block are:

- **Place Value**

We will make use of manipulatives, such as dienes and place value counters, to build the children's understanding of numbers up to 1,000.

- **Addition and Subtraction**

We will build on the children's prior knowledge of addition and subtraction, using manipulatives, such as dienes and place value counters and continue to add and subtract by drawing number lines and hundreds, tens and ones. Towards the end of Block 1, we will introduce the children to using the formal method of column addition/subtraction.

- **Multiplication and Subtraction**

Please encourage your child to continue practising the 2, 5 and 10 times tables at home. In Year 3, the children will be introduced to the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. The children will take part in weekly timed times tables tests in their Maths lessons.

In **RE** we will learn about **Creation and Covenant** until half term and then will move onto **Prophecy and Promise**.



Year 3 is the Sacramental Year so many children will make their Sacraments of First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion. We will be in touch with more information in the coming weeks about how you can sign your child up to make these special sacraments and how we help the children to prepare for them at school.

Our main topic for **Science** this block is Rocks and Fossils.

The children will compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. They will learn how fossils are formed and recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter. We will also research Mary Anning, the famous 'fossil hunter'.



PE will take place every **Monday** and **Wednesday**.

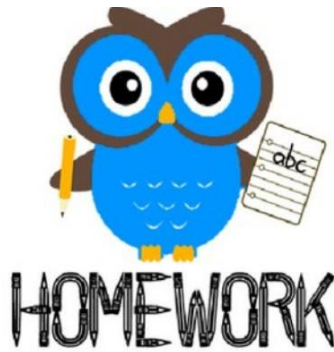
On **Mondays**, the children should come to school wearing their appropriate PE kits:

- Navy blue joggers
- Pale blue polo shirt
- Red school jumper/cardigan
- Trainers

On **Wednesdays**, the children will participate in Forest School lessons. The children will need:

- Waterproof coat with a hood (all weathers)
- Long sleeved top (all weathers)
- Full length trousers/jogging pants (all weathers)
- Wellies or walking boots (all weathers)
- Warm socks and spare socks (if it is wet)
- Waterproof trousers (if wet or muddy)
- Gloves, scarf and woolly hat (in cold weather)
- Sun hat and sun cream (in hot weather)





1. Reading books

In Year 3, children should read for 20 minutes every evening and this should be recorded in their reading records. The reading records will be collected on a **Tuesday** and **Friday**, in order for the Year 3 team to monitor the children's reading.

Please ensure your child's reading book and record is in school every day.

2. Spelling

The children will be given some spelling words to learn on a **Monday** and will be tested on these words the following **Monday**.

Children will be provided with a spellings homework book and they should pick two activities from the spelling activities list to complete each week.

3. Maths

The children will receive a weekly written maths task inside their White Rose Homework books. This task will coincide with learning taking place in the classroom for that week, enabling children to consolidate their understanding of different mathematical strands. The children continue to have access to TTRockstars which they can log into and use to aid their knowledge of times tables. Purple Mash also has lots of Maths games which the children can access from home.

Homework will be set on a **Wednesday** and is due in for the following **Tuesday**.

4. Reading (online)

Online reading homework will be set every **Wednesday** to be completed by the following Tuesday. Children will use Reading Eggspress, which they are familiar with as they used it throughout EYFS and KS1. A comprehension lesson will be set for them to complete that will automatically pop up on screen when they log into their account.

Year 3 Homework Timetable

Day	Reading books	Homework set
Monday		Spellings (set and then tested every Monday)
Tuesday	Change books	
Wednesday		
Thursday		Maths homework books collected in
Friday	Change books	- Maths homework set via ClassDojo - Reading Eggs/Eggspress task Both to be completed for the following <u>Thursday</u>.



Class Dojo

St. Simon's use ClassDojo as a way to promote **STRIVE**, as well as being an opportunity for you to contact us with any queries you may have. Please make sure you are signed up to ClassDojo so that we can share all of our learning with you and in order for you to contact us should you need to.

Important dates:

Friday 3rd October 2025 at 2:45pm – Year 3 Class Assembly

Thursday 23rd October 2025 at 3pm – Year 3 Class Liturgy

Thank you for your support throughout the year to aid your child's progress. The partnership between school and home is crucial to reinforce concepts learnt at school. I look forward to working with you and for our journey together to help your child reach their full potential.

Kindest regards,

Miss Jenyon

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