



Meet the Teacher - Class 3B



A welcome message from Mrs Bennett...

I am thrilled to be your Year 3 teacher starting this September. With 16 years of dedicated teaching experience at St. John Vianney, I am genuinely excited about the prospect of guiding your children through their Year 3 journey. My aim is to empower them to reach their full potential by fostering positive choices and encouraging them to embrace the multitude of learning opportunities Year 3 has to offer. This academic year in Class 3B, teaching and learning will be supported by the presence of Mrs. Parkinson, who is new to St. John Vianney, and Mr. Ogden, who is familiar to the children and expectations of Key Stage 2. Throughout the year, we will embark on a remarkable journey filled with learning, creativity, and, of course, plenty of fun! I am eager to get to know each and every one of your children, and I value the importance of building strong, positive relationships not only with your children but also with you, their parents and families. By working together collaboratively, we can ensure that this year is truly wonderful for everyone involved. In my classroom, I lay the foundation of respect and a willingness to listen and learn. I encourage the children to embrace our school rules of '*ready, respectful, and safe*' at all times, fostering an environment where learning can not only flourish but thrive, making it a safe and enjoyable space for all. I have a keen passion for teaching French and Geography, subjects that allow children to explore and understand the fascinating world we live in and take pride in leading these curriculum areas across the whole school. I believe that learning extends far beyond the classroom walls, and I am committed to providing your children with opportunities to discover and appreciate the wonders of our world. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

At St John Vianney we believe everything we do is for the greater glory of God and through Jesus we seek to grow as a caring Catholic community in faith and love; knowledge and understanding; aspiration and independence.

The Year 3 Team and Learning Environment



Our Senior Leaders: **Mrs C. Evans** (*Headteacher*) **Mr P. Duffy** (*Deputy Headteacher*) **Mrs K. Arrowsmith** (*Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO*) **Team Leader:** **Mrs N. Bancroft** (Year 3 and 4 Team Leader, Class 4B Class Teacher and English Lead)

Mrs S. Bennett (*Class 3B Class Teacher*) **Mrs Parkinson** (*Class 3B's Teaching Assistant*) **Mr Ogden** (*Support Assistant*)

Mr D. Horton (*Class 3H Class Teacher*) **Mrs D. Regan** (*Class 3H's Teaching Assistant*)

Mrs J. Martin (*HTLA Cover Class 3B*) **Mr C. Hitchon** (*HTLA Cover in both Year 3 classes*) If at any time during the school year you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school to arrange a convenient time to meet with your child's class teacher. We want to work together to create a strong home and school partnership to ensure that we meet all the needs of your child.





The Year 3 Curriculum



In the Year 3 curriculum of primary education, our primary goal is to continue nurturing independent learners as they transition into Key Stage 2. A strong emphasis is placed on the development of

fluency in reading, recognising that reading is the cornerstone of all learning endeavours. We believe that a child's ability to comprehend and access a wide range of texts is key to success across the curriculum. Daily reading at home is crucial for Year 3 children as it enables them to consistently apply essential reading skills, enhance their fluency, and expand their vocabulary. We kindly request parents to actively support this monitoring their children's reading at home and ensuring that both books and reading records are returned to school on a daily basis. We greatly value and encourage comments in the reading records, as they provide valuable insights into your child's progress and achievements in their home reading journey. In Maths, Year 3 focuses on consolidating and building upon the basic arithmetic skills acquired during Key Stage 1. This ensures a solid mathematical foundation upon which more complex concepts can be built. We recognise that mathematics is a fundamental skill that permeates various aspects of life and learning. Continuing to practice and master multiplication facts with speed, along with their corresponding division facts, will significantly benefit Year 3 children in building a strong foundation for more complex mathematical concepts and problem-solving skills. These fundamental skills are essential for their academic growth and success in mathematics. Furthermore, Year 3 holds special significance for our students who follow the Catholic faith. During this year, they are given the opportunity to make the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. This spiritual journey is a major milestone in the life of a Catholic child, reinforcing the holistic approach to education we provide, which encompasses not only academic growth but also moral and spiritual development. We will be sending additional information to parents regarding the sacramental program, and we welcome any questions that you may have about it. Year 3 children can look forward to a multitude of opportunities to extend their learning beyond the classroom, including engaging trips that are closely linked to various curriculum areas, such as the exhilarating 'High Ropes' adventure at Stanley Park.

Year 3 Curriculum RE and St John Vianney Catholic Life



Our curriculum continues to place significant importance on Religious Education (RE), ensuring its central role in shaping children's learning experiences. This year, our Year 3 children will embark on an exciting journey as we introduce the new RE Curriculum framework. Throughout this educational

adventure, they will encounter key themes that will be progressively taught, allowing them to delve deeper into their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith year by year. This framework promises a rich and comprehensive exploration of our faith, nurturing a strong foundation for their spiritual development. We are eager to support our children as they embark on this meaningful path of discovery. At St John Vianney, we believe in the transformative power of a Catholic education. Our mission is to nurture the complete potential of every young individual, guiding them to lead lives that are forever influenced by the Spirit and the presence of Christ by '*Seeking Growth Together through Jesus*'. Rooted in Gospel values and the teachings of the Catholic Church, our educational approach centres on the holistic development of each child. As a result, we prioritise the development of each child, valuing their personal journey of faith, compassion, and service to others as much as the academic excellence we provide. Through this comprehensive approach, we aim to nurture children who not only excel academically but also carry the light of Christ into their lifelong endeavours, making a positive impact in the world around them. Bringing our children together as year groups to attend Mass creates a powerful sense of unity and community within our school. These shared spiritual experiences allow our children to witness the beauty of worship and faith in a collective setting. Additionally, celebrating feast days as a school further deepens our connection to our Catholic heritage, providing meaningful opportunities for reflection, gratitude, and devotion to the teachings of the Church. On special feast days and occasions, we extend an open invitation to all our families, warmly welcoming you to join us in these celebrations. Throughout the term, Children's Liturgy takes place during the 11.15am Mass at St John Vianney, led by our school teachers. This allows children and their families to participate in Mass while the children engage with the Gospel on a level suitable for them in the Chapel. Fr Loughrann welcomes families to Mass and then invites the children to join the liturgy and they are supervised and then return to Mass before the celebration for the Eucharist. Your presence with us would be greatly appreciated and welcomed.





Additional Information



- **PE Days**

Children in Year 3 are required to wear their full SJV PE kits each Monday and Wednesday. On these days, it is mandatory for all children to be dressed in their complete SJV PE kit, comprising the PE sports jacket and the green SJV t-shirt. Additionally, they may wear plain black jogging bottoms or shorts, along with white or black trainers as part of their PE attire.

- **X - *formally known as Twitter***

We use X as an online platform to share the children's learning experiences with parents and families, this allows us to share insights into learning inside the classroom on a daily basis! It's simple to join X and follow **#SJVYear3** and our school account **@sjvblackpool** We welcome positive comments and

feedback on this platform. Furthermore, our school website's curriculum pages also display these tweets, providing an additional avenue for engagement. Our school website: [St John Vianney Catholic Primary School | English Hubs \(stjohnvianney.co.uk\)](http://stjohnvianney.co.uk)

- **Newsletters**

Expect to receive regular newsletters containing updates on school-wide news, awards, and important dates such as class assemblies and whole school, year group or class events. Additionally, our school app will remain a reliable channel for efficiently communicating essential information to you.



