



Meet the Teacher - Class 3H



A welcome message from Mr Horton...

Welcome to 3H and the start of Key Stage 2! We are excited to embark on an enriching educational journey this year, one that promises to support your child's growth and development in many ways. As we transition into the juniors, your child is taking a significant step forward in their academic path, and we are dedicated to fostering their personal and academic development. With eleven years of experience here at St. John Vianney's, I have had the privilege of working across various year groups in Key Stage 2, including the past three years in Year 4. This extensive background has provided me with valuable insights into the essential skills and knowledge your child needs not only to thrive in Year 3 but also to prepare them for the challenges of Year 4 and beyond. In my class, we follow the mantra of '*Be good, work hard, and have fun,*' which, when coupled with our school's core values of '*Be ready, be respectful, and be safe,*' creates a positive and engaging learning environment where

your child can flourish academically and socially. Within our school community, I hold roles as the school's ECO lead and Primary Futures coordinator. I strongly believe that nurturing our school environment aligns with our responsibility to care for our planet. Small actions, such as using reusable water bottles and conserving energy by turning off lights when not in use, are practices we instil in our classroom to instigate positive change and protect our world, after all it was God's greatest gift to us. In Year 3, the possibilities for learning are limitless, and we encourage a spirit of curiosity and exploration. My only request is that your child dedicates themselves to their learning and strives to achieve their best. With their commitment and our support, I am confident they will have a rewarding and memorable year.

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

Mrs Parkinson *(Class 3B's Teaching Assistant)* **Mr Ogden** *(Support 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 Loughran 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 \(stjohnvianneys.co.uk\)](https://stjohnvianneys.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.

