St. Monica's Catholic Primary School
H.A.S.T (Home and School Together)

As part of our home-school links, we aim to keep you fully informed of the curriculum being studied by your children. This term Year 3 will be studying the topics listed in the overview below.

Year 3 - Term 1.2	
R.E.	**Branch 2 - Prophecy and Promise:** In this branch the children will be looking at what happens during Mass. Children will learn about the importance of Advent, the role of John the Baptist and how Christians prepare their hearts for the coming of Jesus. **Prayer and Liturgy** - Opportunities for children to reflect and worship, helping spiritual and moral develop
English: Reading	**Class Novel:** The Stolen Spear (linked to our History topic) and Charlie Changes into a Chicken **Pupil Reads/Reading Comprehension:** Reading is delivered through daily reading sessions with a clear focus. Dedicated reading time is given to specific genres and key skills. Children have the opportunity to read a variety of fiction and non-fiction using a combination of 'reading for pleasure' books and levelled reading scheme books; both are used to promote fluency and enjoyment.
English: Writing	**Focus Text and Writing Stimulus:** Winter's Child by Angela McAllister **Genres of Writing:** Fantasy Story Carefully chosen core texts are at the heart of the curriculum delivery, laying a foundation for the reading to writing process. Children gain a wealth of experience of writing for different audiences and purposes with writing linked to engaging stimuli - a text, topic or event. Children will follow a read to write journey in which they will read and comprehend, analyse the key features of the genre, acquire the necessary grammar skills and tools, contribute to a shared write, independently plan, write and redraft their final piece.
English: SPAG / Phonics	**Grammar and Punctuation** Children will revise their key punctuation (capital letters for proper nouns, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, commas in a list). Children will also learn how to paragraph in their writing as well as using conjunctions, prepositions and adverbials **Spelling** Children will be looking at the following spelling rules and patterns: • Adding -es to nouns and verbs ending in -y (Y2 mastery) • Words with the /eɪ/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey • Homophones and near-homophones **Phonics** Some children will still be following the RWI phonics programme. Your child will be assessed half termly and grouped accordingly. Each lesson will include learning to read, spell, write and develop handwriting skills.
Maths	**Addition and Subtraction** - Children will be further develop their understanding of addition and subtraction **Multiplication and Division** - the 8 times table and related division facts, using arrays and the bar model to learn key facts.
Science	**Animals including humans:** Children learn about the different food groups and the importance of eating a healthy diet. They will learn about the importance of the skeleton. They will learn about how muscles work.
P.E.	**Invasion (Netball):** Children will develop their netball skills by exploring sending and receiving the ball. Children will develop moving with a ball towards a goal with some control whilst also focusing on their attacking and defending skills. **Dance:** Children will use dynamics effectively to express an idea whilst also using directions to transition between formations. Children will then perform short, self-choreographed phrases. This will be based on the Stone Age.
Design and Technology	**Christmas Box (Textiles) :** Children will explore ways to stiffen fabric. They will have the opportunity to cover a box with cloth and then go on to create a rigid box out of fabric.
Computing	**Stop Motion** Children will complete a series of work on animations. They will know that an animation is made up of a sequence of images and that media can be added to enhance an animation. They will also understand that a project must be exported in order to be shared.
Geography	**Map and fieldwork skills:** Human and Physical features Children will learn about the 8 compass points, They will recognise the physical and human features of an area and locate them on a map.
PSHE	**Celebrating Difference:** Children will understand different family structures and how everybody's family is different and important to them. They will also gain an understanding of what bullying is and discuss strategies to solve conflict.
Music (3P)	**Clarineo** In Year 3, pupils will learn to play the clarineo, developing their skills in performance, musical notation, and understanding key musical elements such as pitch, rhythm, and dynamics.
Spanish (3R)	**Conversational Skills:** Children will be describing themselves and others, beginning to use longer sentences. The children will learn the numbers 8-10 and consolidate greetings.

Homework	
	TT Rockstars - five minutes five times per week. The children have their own individual log ins. **Reading -** Read at least 3 times a week with entries recorded in reading record **Spellings -** Given out each Friday and tested the following week. **Maths and English -** One workout to be completed each week for English and Maths