

# Year 3 Newsletter

## Autumn 1 2018

### Important dates:

- CAFOD Harvest Lunch Week of the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (information regarding this will be sent out nearer the time). Parents are welcome to attend.
- Parent's Curriculum meeting - 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018
- Parent's Evening - 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018

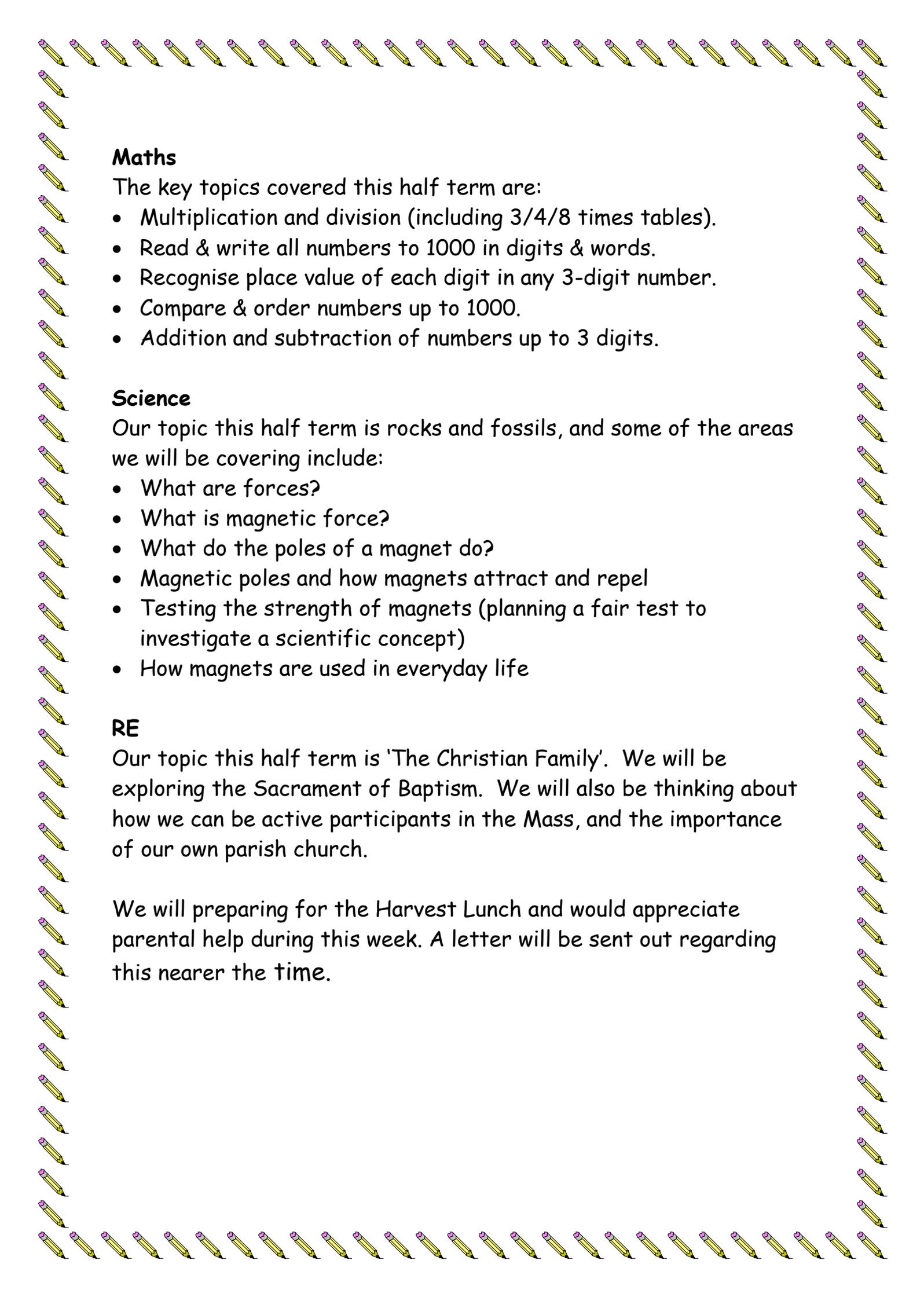
### What we are learning this half term

#### **English**

- We are improving our writing by thinking carefully about our word choices, particularly paying attention to using powerful adjectives and verbs in descriptions.
- We are learning how to use punctuation to show direct speech.
- We are reviewing how to use paragraphs to structure our writing (e.g. when to begin a new paragraph), and how to sequence ideas within a paragraph.
- We will be creating newspaper articles thinking about the key features.
- We will be exploring what 'themes' are within the story we are focusing on.
- We will be learning how to re-read and edit our work.

#### **Spelling**

- Once again we are the using the Rising Stars scheme for spellings. Each week the children will be given a new set of words to learn which come from the statutory word list. These are then tested the following week through where the children will be given a word which is then interspersed throughout a sentence. These spellings will be set across the year group and other spellings will be set as appropriate.



## Maths

The key topics covered this half term are:

- Multiplication and division (including 3/4/8 times tables).
- Read & write all numbers to 1000 in digits & words.
- Recognise place value of each digit in any 3-digit number.
- Compare & order numbers up to 1000.
- Addition and subtraction of numbers up to 3 digits.

## Science

Our topic this half term is rocks and fossils, and some of the areas we will be covering include:

- What are forces?
- What is magnetic force?
- What do the poles of a magnet do?
- Magnetic poles and how magnets attract and repel
- Testing the strength of magnets (planning a fair test to investigate a scientific concept)
- How magnets are used in everyday life

## RE

Our topic this half term is 'The Christian Family'. We will be exploring the Sacrament of Baptism. We will also be thinking about how we can be active participants in the Mass, and the importance of our own parish church.

We will preparing for the Harvest Lunch and would appreciate parental help during this week. A letter will be sent out regarding this nearer the time.