

Year 3 Newsletter Spring Term

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a peaceful, safe and enjoyable Christmas break and a happy new year!

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We will be covering three new topics this **Journeys, Listening and Sharing** and **Giving**.

The Christian life is about **journeying** with Christ and sharing his way of life. The Church's year celebrates the key. The Church's celebrations are community occasions. On Sundays, the parish family gathers together. It is a time to remember how much there is to celebrate; a time to say thank you; a time to know that God's love is offered and made visible here and now in Jesus and in people. Sacraments are more formal special moments: signs of 'God-with-us', who **journeys** with his people; signs of strength and blessing for life.

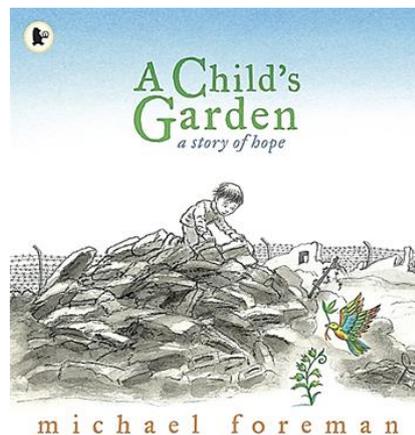
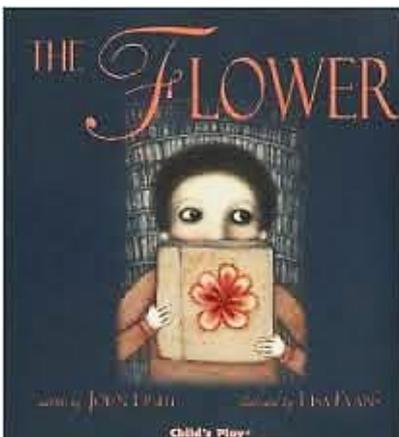
The Eucharistic celebration consists of two parts. The first part is the Liturgy of the Word, where Christians **listen** to God's Word in the readings, **listen** to the homily and the prayers of the Faithful. The second part of the celebration is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Here the gifts are prepared, the Eucharistic prayer expresses thanksgiving and Communion is shared.

Lent is the season when Christians practice both **giving** and giving-up, to identify with the complete self-offering of Jesus which is remembered in the liturgy of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil). In his Gospel, Matthew makes it clear that in loving and caring for other people we are loving and caring for Jesus.

TOPICS

This term our Questions is "Where are all the flowers?" We will be looking at the books *The flower* by John Light and *A child's garden* by Michael Forman. Through this book we will be learning all about different living things. This will give us chance to group and classify different animal and plants from across the world. We will learning all about the life cycle of plants, focusing on pollination, and germination.

For our history and Geography this term, we will be investigating the differences and similarities between crime now and in the Victorian times. Thinking about how punishments have changed and how the police force has adapted and evolved.



This will be a very busy term, including many events, such as;

7th January 2019	School re-opens for Spring Term	Week Beginning 11th March 2019	Science Week
14th January 2019	Year 3 Science Day	13th and 14th March 2018	Parents evening
15th January 2019	New Year Mass	20th March 2019	Lenten Mass
23^{re} January 2019	Year 3 trip to the Galleries of Justice	27th March 2019	KS2 Choral speaking
8th February 2019	Year 3 and 5 Cake sale	29th March 2019	KS2 Mother's Day tea
15th February 2019	School closes for inset day	3^{ed} and 2nd April	One Life
25th February 2019	School reopens after half term	5th April	French Friday School closes for half term
6th March 2019	Ash Wednesday		

Times tables

There will be a new national test implemented next year for your children on times tables. We are working very hard at school to help them learn all the times tables. To help your child at home please remind them to use Mathletics as this will benefit them greatly.

YEAR 3 TEAM

Thank you for your on going support during this year. It is greatly appreciated by all the staff at St Teresa's. Should you wish to speak to any of us, at any time, we will always be available for you to make an appointment to see us after school. Please feel free to contact the school office to arrange this.

The Year 3 Team

Mrs Jackson, Miss Smith and Mrs Watts