

## Year 3 Termly Newsletter - Spring Term 2024

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break after a successful, but long, Autumn term! We hope that the children will enjoy the upcoming topics in the Spring term.

To continue to keep you up to date, we will be sending a newsletter home each term, to share details of the learning that will happen and to tell you any key dates that we think you may need to know.

We will also give some ideas and suggestions of ways that you can support learning at home. We will also share various information via Class Dojo, so please keep a look out for these.

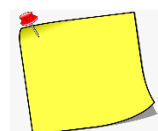
Year 3 Autumn Term Curriculum		How you can support learning at home
<b>Reading</b>	The First Drawing – Mordicai Gerstein Sulwe – Vashti Harrison	Share reading together with your child for 5-10 mins every day.  Children to continue commenting on textual features in their Reading Diaries and should aim to complete one 'Reading Challenge' per week.
<b>Writing</b>	Story writing, diary entries, non-chronological reports, poetry, recounts and a poster/advert.  SVGP Focus – verb forms, the use of a / an, prefixes and word families.	Encourage the children to explore interesting vocabulary from what they hear, see and read which they can share with us in school.  Spellings will be sent home each week and will be live on Spelling Shed each Friday.
<b>Maths</b>	Multiplication and Division Length & Perimeter Fractions Mass & Capacity	Continue to use Times Tables Rock Stars. Practise verbal times tables and quick recall as often as possible
<b>History</b>	The Bronze Age and Iron Age	Watch BBC Bitesize videos and explore life in the Bronze and Iron Age periods.
<b>Geography</b>	Our World	Use Google Maps to explore places that you have been on holiday or visited.
<b>Science</b>	Light Forces and Magnets	Check out the following link for lots of information related to our light topic: <a href="#">What is light? - BBC Bitesize</a> Check out the following link for lots of information related to our forces and magnets topic: <a href="#">KS2 Science - forces: What are magnets? - BBC Teach</a>
<b>Art</b>	Drawing – Still Life	Find out more about one of our artists, Paul Cezanne: <a href="#">KS2 Art and Design - BBC Bitesize</a>
<b>R.E</b>	What do Christians learn from the Bible's Creation stories?  Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?	Find out more about Christianity using the link below: <a href="#">Christianity - KS2 Religious Education - BBC Bitesize</a>
<b>ICT</b>	Stop-frame Animation (Media Player - iPads)  Sequencing Sounds (Scratch – desktop)	Watch this video to find out about Stop-frame animation: <a href="#">Art and Design KS2   Stop-motion animation   BBC Teach (youtube.com)</a>
<b>P.E</b>	Basketball Skills	Encourage outdoor sport as an extra-curricular activity.
<b>PSHE</b>	Belonging to a Community Media Literacy and Digital Resilience Money and Work	Have regular discussions with your child about online safety.
<b>Music</b>	Lessons with Mr Gascoigne using the keyboards	Explore singing in different pitches, listen to different genres of music.
<b>French</b>	Animals, shapes and fruits.	Use google maps to locate landmarks, towns and cities in France.  Use BBC bitesize to find out more about France from recipes to grammar, songs and stories. <a href="#">KS2 French - BBC Bitesize</a>

**Online Learning – these sites are used at school or could be used at home to practise skills learnt this term**

BBC Bitesize    Times Tables Rockstars    Class Dojo    Spelling Shed

## Important Dates for your Diary:

Date	Spring Term
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Back to school- No training day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	KS2 Headteacher's special assembly 2:30pm
Week beginning 12.2.24	Half term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Teacher training day, school closed to pupils
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Week beginning 11.3.24	Assessment week
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 parents' evening
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	KS2 Headteacher's special assembly 2:30pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	End of term- Children break up



## Reminders:

- Year Three P.E will continue to be on Wednesday and Thursday. Please make sure pupils are wearing the correct P.E uniform on these days.
- Please ensure that your children are only wearing jewellery in line with our uniform policy.
- Also, check that jumpers/cardigans, water bottles and lunchboxes are named so that we can return lost items to their owners.

**We like our children to be smartly dressed and to wear sensible shoes. It is Governing Body policy for children to wear school uniform and by sending your children to Great Bridge, you are agreeing to abide by this policy.**

**Our uniform is very simple!**

**White polo shirts**

Navy blue cardigan, jumper or sweatshirt. These do not need to have the Great Bridge logo but if you wish to buy one – they are available from Oakes. Ask at the office for details!

Black or grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers. Black or grey shorts can be worn in warmer weather

**Black shoes.**  
(Children should not wear shoes with heels over 4cm high. They should not wear flip flops or mules.)

In the summer, girls can wear a blue/white checked dress.  
Headscarves for religious reasons: dark blue, dark grey or black.

Please note:  
**Jewellery – One pair of stud earrings only in the ear lobe only.** No hoops, hanging or creoles. No additional piercings. Your child **MUST** remove the studs for all PE lessons. No other forms of jewellery should be worn.

**For PE: Please place the kit in a PE bag with your child's name on:**

**Indoor PE**  
T-shirt and shorts / leggings  
PE pumps

**Outdoor PE**  
T-shirt and shorts / leggings or a tracksuit  
PE pumps or trainers

Children must be able to change their footwear for PE – if the PE lesson is on the field, footwear can get muddy.

**Swimming**  
Swimming costume – no long shorts or bikinis  
Swimming hat (Optional)  
Towel  
Bag for the above.

**All earrings must be removed for PE lessons.**

**Kara must be covered with a sweatband or removed for PE Kara must be large enough to be removed easily in an emergency.**

**Art**  
An old shirt or apron can be kept in the PE bag for messy art lessons.

**Please put names in your child's uniform and PE kit including shoes.**

- A huge thank you as a majority of children handed their homework on time throughout the Autumn Term. Keep up the brilliant work!
- Remember: homework is given out on a Friday and should be handed in by the following Wednesday.
- Spellings are given out on a Friday and the children are tested on the following Friday. All spellings are on Spelling Shed on a weekly basis