

Year 3 Termly Newsletter - Autumn Term 2024

We are pleased to say that the children are settling into the new term well and have made an excellent start to their learning.

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
Reading	The First Drawing by Mordicai Gerstein Sulwe- Lupita Nyong'o Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura	Share reading together with your child for 5-10 mins every day. The children now have reading diaries to document their reading with a range of mini tasks to carry out listed at the front. Aim to work through these tasks and record any books the children read from either home or school
Writing	For the first half term we will be having a main focus on grammar and punctuation covering nouns, verbs, pronouns and subject. We will be investigating how these elements can be built into accurate sentences. After half term, we will be using these skills to complete pieces of fiction and non-fiction writing.	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 shared through spelling shed. Children will have their passwords stuck into the cover of their reading diary.
Maths	Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division.	Continue to use Times Tables Rock Stars. Practise verbal times tables and quick recall as often as possible
History	The Stone Age	Watch BBC Bitesize videos and explore life in the Stone Age period.
Geography	Climate and weather	Watch weather reports with your children, look at a weather app on a regular basis and discuss the symbols and vocabulary.
Science	Rocks Light	Look for identifying features of rocks in the garden, park or outings. Check out the following link for lots of information related to our light topic: What is light? - BBC Bitesize
Art	Drawing skills	Experiment with different grades of pencil. What is the difference between a HB and 6B pencil? Try drawing a range of natural and man made objects, make leaf rubbings or research an artist such as Stephen Wiltshire Who is Stephen Wiltshire? KS2 Art and Design Primary - BBC Bitesize
D.T	Seasonal foods	Research foods that are seasonal for the autumn e.g. pumpkin, butternut squash, chestnuts, sprouts and aubergines etc. Maybe even try out a few recipes! What is seasonal food? - BBC Bitesize
RE	Hinduism and Sikhism - Diwali	Watch the story of Diwali at the link below: The Hindu Story of Rama and Sita Religions of the World - YouTube
ICT	Digital Devices	Think about different types of input and what outputs are made by a particular digital device.

P.E	Agility, motor skills and co-ordination through outdoor games and dance activities	Encourage outdoor sport as an extra-curricular activity.
PSHE	Friendships	Have regular discussions about your child's friendships at school
Music	Lessons with Mr Gascoigne using the keyboards	Explore singing in different pitches, listen to different genres of music.
French	Key facts about France, greetings, counting to 10, naming colours and animals	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. KS2 French - BBC Bitesize

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:


- Weds 25th Sept – Flu vaccinations
- Weds 9th Oct - School photographer all day (whole school individuals and siblings)
- Thurs 10th Oct - School photographer AM only (individuals and siblings)
- Mon 21st Oct – KS2 Black History Month assembly (pupils only)
- Wed 23rd Oct 2:30pm - HT Special Assembly KS2 (invite only)
- Thurs 24th Oct 2:30pm – Year Three Diwali assembly for parents
- Fri 25th Oct – TRAINING DAY – school closed to pupils
- **W.B 28.10.24 - Half Term Holiday**
- *Children return back to school on Monday 4th November 2024*
- Monday 11th Nov – Parents' Evening for Y3 & Y4
- W.B Mon 2nd Dec – Assessment Week
- Thurs 12th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day
- Thurs 19th Dec 2:30pm – HT Special Assembly KS2 (invite only)



Reminders:

- Year Three P.E is on **Tuesday and Friday**. 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. Please do not send children to school wearing jewellery on PE days.
- 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 to the children that have handed their homework in on time. This is a great start to the year – keep it up!
- Remember: homework is given out on a Friday and should be handed in by the following Wednesday.
- Spellings will change each Friday on a weekly basis on Spelling Shed. The spellings will follow a different spelling pattern each week.