



BISHOPSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Year 3 – Welcome back

Friday 28th February 2025

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we wish you all a warm welcome back to the Spring Term. We are excited and ready to begin yet another busy, but exciting half term.

Uniform

The children have come back looking very smart in their school uniform. Although the weather should begin to improve, we are still advising that the children have a coat in school. Some days, we just cannot predict the weather! Please make sure that all uniform and PE kit, school bags, coats, shoes and lunch boxes are labelled clearly, to avoid a build-up of lost property.

Learning Challenge

This half term we will be looking at the Mediterranean with a variety of learning challenges to answer the question – ‘Why do so many people choose to go to The Mediterranean for their holidays?’ This is a geography topic. We will study a variety of facts about the Mediterranean countries including their location, climate, currency, language, capital cities and population. The children will research and discuss ‘What makes a Mediterranean country?’ comparing and contrasting various Mediterranean countries. We will also look at how these factors might influence holidaymakers. As well as this, the children will also get involved in a range of Design and Technology skills. The children will also get to design the ‘perfect pair of flip flops’. To end the project, the children will debate whether they would rather live in the U.K. or in the Mediterranean.



Homework

This term the children will still be expected to read at **least 3 times per week** and for this to be recorded in their reading records; their class teacher will check this every Friday. The children will continue to receive spellings to learn on a **Friday** and will be tested on these the following **Friday**. Finally, the children will receive a new homework grid for our Mediterranean to be stuck in their green homework book. They must complete one piece of homework from the grid per week. This is also due in on a Friday.

P.E.

This half-term, the children will have **PE on Tuesdays**. The focus for these sessions will be dance and basketball.

Key Dates for your diary:

Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Date to be confirmed.	Mediterranean Day (including food tasting - letter to follow)
Wednesday 19 th March	Orchestra trip to the Anvil

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Dale and Miss Ralph



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

At Bishopswood, we offer a rich and diverse curriculum that engages all children. Enriched activities that motivate children, enhancing their life opportunities is something that is very important to us.

Year 3	Term -Spring 2
Subject	Areas covered
English	<p><u>Writing</u> Charlotte’s Web - persuasive letter. The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs- story retell.</p> <p><u>Reading</u> Ratboy – focus on inference and language (build confidence in answer comprehension questions) Stuart Little- Summarising the main points from the text and clarifying meaning of language. The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark- Inference focusing on the characters feelings using clues from the text. King Kong- focus on inference and language - (build confidence in answer comprehension questions) All because of Jackson- Making predictions and summarising the main points from the text. Winnie the Pooh- Making inferences about the characters actions supported using clues from the text.</p>
Maths	<p>Addition and Subtraction- using partitioning, number bonds and adjusting to add and take away. Time- to the nearest minute, 12 and 24-hour clock. Multiplication and Division- Recalling facts for the 3 and 4 times tables. Solving problems using multiplication and division.</p>
Science	<p><u>Magnets</u> - attraction, repel, non-contact forces. Compare how things move on different surfaces. Describe magnets as having 2 poles. Discuss non-contact forces. Observe how magnets attract and repel forces.</p>
Geography	<p><u>Mediterranean</u> Locating countries on a map. Discovering human and physical features of Geography.</p>
Computing	<p><u>Presentation</u> Text, sound, slides – PowerPoint.</p>
Music	<p><u>Mystic moments</u> Dimensions, singing, texture, notating.</p>
Spanish	<p>Little Red Riding Hood. Key characters. Settings.</p>
DT	<p>Felt textile- Design and make flip flops for the Mediterranean. Design, make and evaluate.</p>
PE	<p><u>Dance</u> Perform a dance phase Copy and perform a dance focusing on rhythm and staying in time. <u>Basketball</u> Passing, dribbling, shooting, playing simple games and following the rules.</p>

