



BISHOPSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Year 3 Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed your break and managed to find time to do something you enjoy. We are delighted to welcome you and your children back and are looking forward to the festive period this term. We are so pleased with how the children have already settled into life at the Junior School and know they will continue to thrive this term.

Uniform

The children have come back looking smart in their school uniform. As the weather begins to change, please ensure that your child comes to school with a suitable coat. Please make sure that they have what they need and that uniform, **PE kit**, bags, coats, shoes and lunch boxes are clearly labelled to avoid a build-up of lost items. We are still trying to reduce the amount coming in from home. Lastly, we are trying to ensure that the children take their water bottles and jumpers home at the end of each day. As you can imagine sometimes they do forget. If you could remind them too, that would be helpful. Please ensure that any new items of clothing or footwear follow the uniform policy

Learning Challenge

For our first half term in the year, we will be learning about life in the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age. We will be learning such things as, putting key events in chronological order on a timeline, different Stone Age tools and how life changed throughout this period of history.



P.E.
PE for Year 3 is on a Monday. Children must come to school in their PE Kit and remain in this throughout the day. PE this term will gymnastics and hockey. Trainers can be worn for hockey and tracksuit bottoms/ a warm jumper or hoody may also be worn, so that the children do not get cold. **Earrings should be taken out for Games and PE (or taped up).**

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 new reading records; this will be checked by their class teacher 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 Stone Age topic to be stuck in their green homework book. They only have to complete one piece of homework from the grid per week. This is also due in on a Friday.

Kind regards

Mr Dale and Miss Ralph

Caring



Respecting



Thriving Together





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 – Autumn 2 – Who were the first people in Britain?
Subject	Areas Covered
English	<p>Writing Mammoth Academy (Fiction) Wolves in the Wall (Fiction) The Santa Trap (Non Fiction)</p> <p>Guided Reading – Focusing on Fiction texts Stone Age Boy How to skin a bear The First Drawing The Pebble in my pocket The Stolen Spear Stone Age Santa</p> <p>Spellings Phonics revision (revising reading and writing sounds from last year) Year 3 Superhero spelling (Learning spelling rules)</p>
Mathematics	<p>Measure involving addition Multiplication and Division Fractions Geometry</p> <p>For all these topics the children will be given many opportunities to problem solve and reason.</p>
History	<p>Timeline Stone Age, Iron Age, Bronze Age Hunter Gatherers Changes throughout the Ages Making our own Stone Age house Stonehenge Skara Brae</p>
Design Technology	<p>Make a clay house Design Make Evaluate</p>
Music	<p>Listening and responding Christmas songs – ready for our Christmas show</p>



Science	What is a skeleton? Body systems Vertebrates and invertebrates Muscles and joints Investigation of joints Building a body
Physical Education	Gymnastics Balancing and creating a sequence with travelling and balance Hockey Holding the stick Push pass Dribbling with the ball Shooting Playing simple games
RSHE	What does a candle symbolise? Diwali Sikhism and Christianity Light through communication Candle creations Nativity Story
Languages	Spanish – Greetings, numbers and animals

