



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Welcome Year 3!

Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Parents,

Firstly, welcome back to this busy and exciting term! We hope you are all safe and well and that you have had a lovely summer break.

Uniform

The children have come back looking very 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!

PE kit

PE for Year 3 is on a **Monday**. Children must come to school in their PE Kit and remain in this throughout the day. **They do not need to bring their school uniform on this day**. PE this term will be Multiskills and Gymnastics. Here the children will learn a range of movement skills and develop their ability to play competitive games. Trainers can be worn for outdoor games, and tracksuit bottoms/ a school jumper may be worn, so that the children do not get cold. It is easier to take layers off! Earrings should be taken out for Games and PE (or taped up).

Homework

This term the children will be expected to complete some homework each week. They will 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**. There is a place for you to sign and record what they have read at home. Your child should have brought home a reading book and record today. Please do not be alarmed if the reading book this week is either too easy or hard. It is a rough fit before we assess the children on their bookband levels next week. We just wanted to ensure they have a book before this takes place. The children will also receive a set of spellings to learn on a **Friday** and will be tested on these the following **Friday**. These will be given out for the first time next Friday (19th September). Finally, the children will receive a homework grid and A4 exercise book. This book is a place to record their homework. They must complete one piece of homework from the grid per week. This is also due in on a **Friday**.

Learning Challenge

This half term, our learning challenge will be '**What makes the earth angry?**' This is a geography based topic that looks at both human and physical geography. The children will look at natural disasters, with an emphasis on volcanoes. The children will learn about the features of volcanoes, their formation and discover how they are distributed around the world. Along the way they will create models, artwork and discuss the impact on the world.

Your sincerely

Mr Dale Mrs Lamb

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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 1 - What makes the earth angry?
Subject	Areas Covered
English	<p><u>Writing:</u> Flood- Dramatic Story Stranded- Newspaper report Rosa Parks- Biography</p> <p>Guided Reading: (comprehension question and retrieval) Invisible string The boy who never gave up Journey to the centre of my brain Where my wellies take me Clean Water Natural Disasters</p> <p><u>Spellings</u> Revision of Y1/2 phonics and Year 3 Spelling Shed</p>
Mathematics	<p>Place value: Counting in 2's, 5's and 10's Number representation Comparing and ordering numbers</p> <p>Addition and Subtraction: Add and subtract using ones and hundreds Add and Subtract using mental strategies Estimate and answer and check you the inverse method</p> <p>Multiplication and Division: Recall and use multiplication facts from the 3 and 4 timestable Use know multiplication facts Compare multiplication facts using the greater than, less than and equal too signs.</p> <p>For all these topics the children will be given lots of opportunities to problem solve and reason.</p>

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Geography	Extreme Earth: What do you find underground? How are volcanoes formed? What causes earthquakes? What causes a tsunami? Create natural disasters poster Share my learning journey
RE	Messages: Stories with messages Discuss what the different messages are
Art	Sketching and Sculpting: Sculpting layers of the Earth Observational sketching Shading and colour mixing
Design Technology	Create a Volcano: Design Make Evaluate
Music	In the Hall of the Mountain King: Beat patterns Musical language Sequencing notes
Science	Rocks: What are rocks Properties of rocks Types of rock Fossils Soil Work scientifically to set up a fair test and draw conclusions from the results. Show understanding of a process by using scientific language
Physical Education	Gymnastics: Basic shapes Movement and linking movements Using equipment in the hall Multiskills Focus on different ball skills such as , throwing, catching, dribbling and kicking.
RSHE/HeartSmart	My Happy Minds: Meet my brain Different parts of the brain. Using these parts of our brain.
Languages	Spanish: Different greetings Numbers Colours.

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