



BISHOPSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Welcome Year 3!

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'Sometimes the smallest step in the right direction ends up being the biggest step of your life. Tip toe if you must, but take the step.'

Dear Parents,

Firstly, welcome back to this busy and exciting term! We hope you are all safe and well. After such a difficult period, we hope you found time to enjoy the things you like during the summer. It has been lovely to have the children back; seeing their happy smiley faces has been wonderful and something we have missed for so long.

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 hockey and outdoor adventurous activity. 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).

Tuck

It is important that the children have a break time snack in school. This includes if they are hot school dinners. We find it helps the children and replenishes their energy levels ready for after break lessons. A quick, easy and healthy snack is best, but above all, it is just important that they have one in school. Sadly, our school tuck shop is closed; we will notify you when it reopens again.

Homework

This term your child will be expected to complete homework. The homework for this term is reading and spelling. This week your child should have received their green **Home School Diary**. We ask that the children read at least three times (five if they can) a week and that this is recorded in their **Home School Diary**. This will be checked on a Friday. We are just tweaking a few final spelling groups ready to give out spellings next week. Your child will receive a set of spellings to learn at home. They will be tested on these every week on a Friday and will be given a new set of words to learn. Again, we will look at these and write their result in their **Home School Diary**. This term you will also receive login details for **Spelling Shed** and **Times Table Rockstars**. As soon as they get these we encourage them to have a go and become familiar with how they work. Next term, we will be introducing more homework, but for now, we wanted to allow time for them to settle in.

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 of the worlds' powers.

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Below are a few reminders that we thought would be useful to know.

Homework for Autumn 1				
Homework	Task	Day due in	Approximate time to spend	Where to hand this in
Reading	Read at least 3 times a week at home	Friday	For pleasure so as and when works for you but approx. 15-20mins a time	Hand in homework green diary – signed by an adult to the class teacher
Spelling	Set of weekly words to practise (If you wish, use look, cover, write and check task on the back of their spelling sheet)	Friday (Test Day)	20 minutes – works best practising little and often each day	No evidence needed, we will just give you a sheet with the words on and recommend you help your child learn them
After the first Autumn Term, we will introduce more homework. This will be maths to begin with. Will we let you know about this next term.				

Autumn 1 – A Typical Timetable
(These are subject to change and we sometimes do need to adapt them.)

8:40 - 9:00	9:00 - 9:30	9.30 - 10.30		10:55-11:50	11:50 - 12:15		1:15 -1:35	1:40 - 2:55	3:00 - 3:20
Monday Wellbeing	Guided Reading	Writing	B	Maths	Spelling	L	Hall Assembly	PE	
Tuesday Gramma task	Guided Reading	Writing	R	Maths	Spelling	U	Hall Assembly	Learning Challenge / Personal, social and health Education	CLASS READ
Wednesday Gramma task	AT leadership release(LS)		E	AT leadership release(LS)		N	Class Assembly	JD NQT release (LS)	Music
Thursday Gramma task	Guided Reading	Writing	A	Maths	Spelling	C	Class Assembly	Science	CLASS READ
Friday Wellbeing	Hand-writing practise / change books Invertentions CD/SS	Writing	K	Maths	Spelling Test - new spellings to go out	H	Celebration Assembly	Spanish / Learning Challenge	CLASS READ

Leaning Challenges for the year

From Stone age to Iron age how did Britain change?	Tribal Tales	History
What makes the earth angry?	Tremors!	Geography
Ancient Egypt – Weird or Wonderful?	Pharaohs!	History
Why is the Mediterranean popular?	Mediterranean	Geography
What makes the world wonderful?	World Wonders	History & Geography
Where does the best food come from?	Scrumdiddlyumptious!	D+T

Thank you for your continued support.

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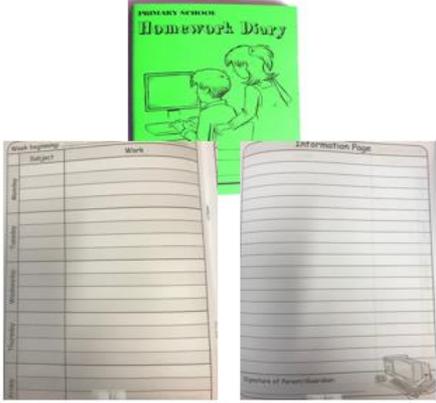


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Subject	Home Support
Literacy	
<p>The children this term will be looking at a variety of texts including fiction and non-fiction. Here they will write a range of different pieces including character descriptions, letters, recipes and poems. Below we have pictured some of the books we will be looking at, so please feel free to look too. The weekly guided reading sessions will focus on word reading (reading with fluency and expression), their ability to clarify meaning and their knowledge of vocabulary and language devices. In addition to this, we will also revisit inference as this as a skill is something the children often find difficult.</p> 	<p>Children will continue to work on key spelling rules. They will continue to have phonics lessons where they apply specific spelling rules. They will each be given a set of words that fit a rule and some words from key spelling lists. Please ensure your child reads at home at least 3 times a week and records it in their homework diary, which must be signed by an adult. We will check each Friday.</p>  <p>A place to Record reading In days</p> <p>A place for messages. Must be signed weekly by an adult at the bottom.</p>

Mathematics	
 <p>In maths, children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of key skills. They will also look at the four operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Here the children will recap and consolidate the methods they have previously learnt as well as learn new methods. Moreover, the children will also be problem solving during lessons and working on their maths fluency. The children will also partake in a 'Daily Count' session where they can practice essential arithmetic skills.</p> <p>In addition, we will be having a push on times tables, trying to prepare the children for known number facts they need to know. We would really appreciate any help you can give them with this at home as it will benefit their speed and confidence.</p>	<p>Each week we ask that the children complete a maths activity in the form of a worksheet. We ask that they keep this in their Homework Book. Their class teacher will give this activity to them on a Friday. The activity will link to the key learning themes, with a particular focus on number and place value. It is likely the task given will link to what the children are learning about in class that week. Below are some useful free websites that you could also use if you are interested.</p> <p>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16</p> <p>https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/maths/primary-maths-age-7-8-year-3/</p> <p>https://www.math-salamanders.com/</p> <p>We hope that soon the children will be given passwords for Mathletics and Times Table Rockstars.</p>

Learning Challenge	
<p><u>This term we will be developing our knowledge and learning about:</u></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PE – Hockey & Gymnastics ● RE – Stories with Messages ● Geography - Human, physical and location ● PSHE – New Beginnings/ relationships ● Science – Rocks and Soils ● Art –Sculpture ● Spanish – Simple conversations 	

