



Gilbertstone Primary School Year 3 Autumn 1 Newsletter



Hello and Welcome to Year 3!



We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. It has been a pleasure to see the children settling confidently into Key Stage 2. Their enthusiasm for learning is already shining through. We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead and have planned a range of engaging activities designed to inspire creativity, curiosity, and a love of learning!

Literacy

This half term we will be reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. The children will be writing an Approaching Threat Narrative based on the characters in the story. Year 3 will also be writing instructions about How to Trap Iron Man.



Our grammar and punctuation focus skills for this half term will include: using **a** or **an** correctly; apostrophes for possession; contractions; conjunctions and nouns with prefixes.

Reading

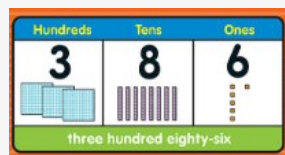
We have now started our whole class texts. 3C are currently reading Daisy and The Trouble with London and 3P are reading Please Mrs Butler and will be moving on to My Encyclopaedia of Very Important Oceans.

Children will work to develop their retrieval and interpret skills.

Maths

In Maths this half term we are going to be exploring place value with numbers 0–1000.

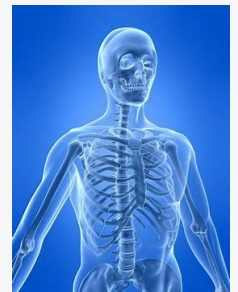
This will include counting in tens and hundreds, representing and partitioning numbers up to 1000 and identifying hundreds, tens and ones.



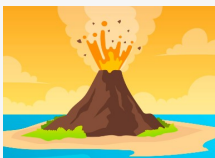
Science

In Science this half term, we will learn about movement and nutrition.

The children will be exploring the role of skeletons and muscles, learning how the body uses energy and what constitutes a balanced diet.



Wider Curriculum



In Geography, we will learn about Volcanoes, Earthquakes and Mountains. **A big well done to all who have brought in their Summer projects. How fantastic they are!**

In D&T, we will be cooking and looking at seasonal food. The children will have a go at cutting, peeling and tasting seasonal fruit and vegetables. We will also be creating our very own seasonal tarts. We can't wait to taste these!



Classroom Doors

During the last couple of weeks, 3P and 3C have been working hard to create a design for their classroom doors which represent how we will be aiming high and staying positive in Year 3. Take a look at our wonderful designs!



Homework

Homework will be set on Fridays to be handed in the following Wednesday. Children will be given a spelling sheet and a maths sheet which will be linked to the learning we are doing in class.

Please encourage your child to hand their homework in on time.

PE

Year 3 children will have outdoor PE on a **Monday**- this half term we will be focusing on football. Skills include dribbling and sending and receiving the ball. **3P** will have indoor PE on a **Wednesday** and will be focusing on Yoga, learning poses such as warrior, tree and dancer. **3C** will go swimming on a **Wednesday**. Children will be aiming to swim up to 25 metres.

PE Kits (to be worn to school)

- Trainers or pumps
- Black, navy or grey joggers, leggings, shorts
- White, grey or black t-shirt
- Black, navy or grey plain hoodie or jumper (school jumpers are also acceptable).

Forest School



This half term, our Forest School sessions will focus on bushcraft skills. Children will learn to tie a reef knot and build outdoor shelters.

3P will have Forest School on **Monday 15th September**.

3C will have Forest School on **Friday 19th September**.

In Year 3 children are expected to bring in their own snack for playtime. Please ensure it is a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit or a healthy alternative



Thank you for your support!

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