



Gilbertstone Primary School

Year 3 Spring 1 Newsletter



Welcome back to the new school year!

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope that everyone had a wonderful break and that the children enjoyed their Christmas celebrations. We are excited to start this half term and we have lots of exciting things planned to capture the children's interests and imagination!

Literacy

This half term we will be reading 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C. S. Lewis. Year 3 will be writing a narrative retelling the experience Lucy has when she enters Narnia. The children will also have the opportunity to write an innovated version of the narrative and a character description. We look forward to reading these fabulous pieces of writing!



Reading

Children will continue to take part in daily guided reading sessions. Please remember to read with your child and fill in their orange home reading diaries. As the children are in key stage two now, they have the opportunity to choose their own home reading book.



Maths

In maths this half term, we will be continuing with our multiplication and division unit by exploring multiples of 3, 4 & 8. We will also be exploring length and perimeter. The children will compare and add lengths, looking closely at metres, centimetres and millimetres.



Science

This half term, we will be learning about rocks and soils. The children will be exploring the physical properties of rocks and soils and fossil formation.



Wider Curriculum



This half term we will have a focus on geography and D & T. In geography, we will be learning about Antarctica. We will look at where Antarctica is and its features, who lives there and the different climate focusing on latitude. In DT, we will be looking at the digital world: wearable technology. The children will be designing a digital wearable technology and developing a program and housing for a Micro:bit.



Safer Internet Day

TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY is safer internet day. We will be talking to the children about how to stay safe when using the internet and explaining who they should talk to if they see anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.



Anti Bullying Week

During the week commencing Monday 6 January, the children took part in 'Anti Bullying Week'. The theme of the week was 'One Kind Word'. All of the children were given the opportunity to explore and learn this theme.



PE

Year 3 children will have outdoor PE on a **Monday** and indoor PE on a **Wednesday**.
3S swimming until Wednesday 12 Feb.

Please come to school in your PE kit.

PE Kits (reminder)

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

Forest School

Year 3 children will have Forest School once each half term.

3P will have Forest School on **Tuesday 7 January**

3S will have Forest School on **Friday 10 January**



Uniform

Please can you ensure that all clothing and other possessions are labelled with your child's name and class so that we can prevent items becoming lost. On PE days and on days when your child might attend an after school sports club, please ensure that they are in their PE kit. Thank you.



In Year 3, children are expected to bring in their own snack from home for breaktime. Please can you ensure that it is a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit or vegetable.



Thank you for your continued support.

The Year Three Team