



Gilbertstone Primary School

Year 3 Autumn 1 Newsletter



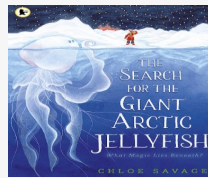
Hello and Welcome to Year 3!



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 start by reading 'Ocean meets Sky' by Eric Fan and Terry Fan. The children will be writing a Dream Adventure Narrative based on the characters in the story.



Later in the half term, we will move on to 'The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish' by Chloe Savage. This exciting text will inspire the children to write a Ship Captain's Daily Log.



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. 3B are currently reading Daisy and The Trouble with London and 3W are reading Please Mrs Butler and will be moving on to My Encyclopedia of Very Important Oceans.

Children will work to develop their retrieval and interpret

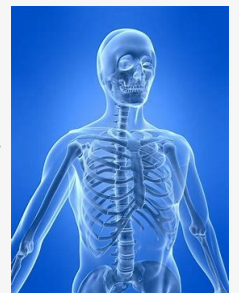
Maths

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. They are absolutely fantastic!**

In DT, children will be constructing a castle. They will learn the most common features of a castle, how it is made up of 3D shapes and create nets from a 2D shape. This will allow the children to design their very own castle. We look forward to seeing their amazing structures!



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. **3W** will have indoor PE on a **Wednesday** and will be focusing on Yoga, learning poses such as warrior, tree and dancer. **3B** 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.



3B will have Forest School on **Monday 28th September**.

3W will have Forest School on **Friday 2nd October**.

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!

Mrs Davis Mrs Barber

Mrs Wilkinson

Mrs Khan

Miss Cooke

