



# THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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## Welcome Year 3!

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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. Unfortunately due to an issue with a delivery, we were not able to send the children's new reading records home today. We are confident, these will be delivered early next week. Apologies, we do not have these ready. That said, we have ensured that the children have a book to take home to enjoy reading over the weekend.

The children will also receive a set of spellings to learn on a Friday and will be tested on these the following Friday. Finally, the children will receive a homework grid to be stuck in their green homework book. This is optional and they only have to 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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your sincerely

Mr Dale Miss Ralph



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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
<b>English</b>	<p><b><u>Writing</u></b>  Mammoth Academy- Character description  What makes a good friend- Instructions  Marshmallows- Story retell  Therapy Dogs- Persuasive letter  Grans Gang- Independent story  Natural disasters- Leaflet</p> <p><b><u>Guided Reading (comprehension question and retrieval)</u></b>  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><b><u>Spellings</u></b>  Revision of Y1/2 phonics</p>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<p><b><u>Place value</u></b>  Counting in 2's, 5's and 10's  Number representation  Comparing and ordering numbers</p> <p><b><u>Addition and Subtraction</u></b>  Add and subtract using ones and hundreds  Add and Subtract using mental strategies  Estimate and answer and check you the inverse method</p> <p><b><u>Multiplication and Division</u></b>  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>
<b>Geography</b>	<p><b><u>Extreme Earth</u></b>  What do you find underground?  How are volcanoes formed?  What causes earthquakes?  What causes a tsunami?  Create natural disasters poster  Share my learning journey</p>

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<b>RE</b>	<b>Messages</b> Moral and Social development.
<b>Art</b>	<b>Sketching and Sculpting</b> Sculpting layers of the Earth Observational sketching Shading and colour mixing
<b>Design Technology</b>	<b>Create a Volcano</b> Design Make Evaluate
<b>Music</b>	<b>In the Hall of the Mountain King</b> Beat patterns Musical language Sequencing notes
<b>Science</b>	<b>Rocks</b> What are rocks Properties of rocks Types of rock Fossils Soil
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>Gymnastics</b> Basic shapes Movement and linking movements Using equipment in the hall  <b>Multiskills</b> Focus on different ball skills
<b>RSHE/HeartSmart</b>	<b>Heartsmart: Don't Forget to let love in</b> Building self-esteem and self-awareness
<b>Languages</b>	<b>Spanish:</b> Different greetings

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