



BISHOPSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Welcome Back Year 3

Friday 5th January 2024

Dear Parents,

Firstly, Happy New Year to you all. We hope you all enjoyed the festive break. We are delighted to welcome you all back and look forward to another busy, but exciting half term. While we look forward to this half term, we must not forget to mention how fantastic last term was for all the children. We enjoyed performing in the Year 3/ 4 play, had fun making our own Stone Age houses out of clay and had a lovely Stone Age Day, experiencing what it would be like to live in the Stone Age,

Uniform

The children have come back looking very smart in their school uniform. As the weather is still cold and wet, please ensure that your child comes to school with a suitable coat. Please make sure that all uniform, school bags, coats, shoes and lunch boxes are clearly labelled to avoid a build-up of lost property. We are encouraging the children to remember their belongings, so if you could remind them of this too, that would be great.

Learning Challenge

This half term, our learning challenge will be 'Ancient Egypt – Weird or Wonderful? Here the children will look at 'Egypt' as a country and travel back in time to discover what life was like during this period. The children will look at where Egypt and neighbouring countries are and locate them on a map. In addition to this, they will also look at Ancient Egyptian Gods and how people lived – past to present as well as lots more around the topic.



P.E.

This half-term, the children will have **PE on a Monday afternoon**. The focus for these sessions will be netball and gymnastics. The children will still be coming into school in their PE kit.

Homework

This term the children will still be expected to read at **least 3 times per week** and for this to be recorded in their reading records; this will be checked by their class teacher every Friday. The children will continue to receive spellings to learn on a **Friday** and will be tested on these the following **Friday**. Finally, the children will receive a new homework grid for our Ancient Egypt topic to be stuck in their green homework book. They must complete one piece of homework from the grid per week. This is also due in on a Friday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Dale & Miss Ralph

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THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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 – Spring 1 |
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| Subject | Areas Covered |
| English | <p><u>Writing</u> Instructions for Mummification- Non Fiction Egyptian Cinderella – Fiction Slowly- Poetry</p> <p><u>Guided Reading</u> Matilda – focus on inference style questions Mr Fox – a range of comprehension skills Esio Trott – a range of comprehension skills Cats keeping pets – non-fiction text features How cats really work – key features/ structure and layout</p> <p>The children will continue to work on their reading fluency daily during our reading sessions.</p> <p><u>Spellings</u> Year 3 Spelling shed Year 1 and 2 monster phonics groups</p> |
| Mathematics | Geometry Addition and subtraction Measure (Time) For all these topics the children will be given many opportunities to problem solve and reason. |
| Geography | Looking at different features of physical geography. The River Nile Farming in Egypt. |
| History | Egyptian artefacts Egyptian Timeline Tutankhamun Mummification Gods and Pharaohs |
| Art | Egyptian Sketching and Van Gough Project |
| Heartsmart | Too much Selfie isn't healthy Flip your phone What's your emergency Elizabeth Everest Padlock Privacy No man is an Island |
| Music | Chinese Lantern song |
| Science | <p><u>Light</u> Why do we need to see light Sources of light Shadows</p> |

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| | <p>Changing shadows Reflective light Sun Safety</p> |
| Physical Education | <p>Netball – passing, spatial awareness and shooting Gymnastics – balancing – counter tension/ counter balance</p> |
| RSHE/HeartSmart | <p>PSHE What makes a good friend Keeping safe in school Socializing with friends Hands to ourselves Stranger danger</p> <p>RE What does creation mean? Christian stories and creation Religious creation stories The Big bang</p> |
| Computing | <p>Word document skills Passwords and screenshots Open a word document, write something and save Find a picture and save it Change case Align texts Bullets and numbering Text boxes</p> |
| Languages | <p>Spanish (Instruments)</p> |

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