



BISHOPSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Year 3 - Welcome back

Friday 23rd February 2024

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we wish you all a warm welcome back to the Spring Term. We are excited and ready to begin yet another busy, but exciting half term.

Uniform

The children have come back looking very smart in their school uniform. Although the weather should begin to improve, we are still advising that the children have a coat in school. Some days, we just cannot predict the weather! Please make sure that all uniform and PE kit, school bags, coats, shoes and lunch boxes labelled clearly, to avoid a build-up of lost property.

Learning Challenge

This half term we will be looking at the Mediterranean with a variety of learning challenges to answer the question – ‘Why do so many people choose to go to The Mediterranean for their holidays?’ This is a geography topic. We will study a variety of facts about the Mediterranean countries including their location, climate, currency, language, capital cities and population. The children will research and discuss ‘What makes a Mediterranean country?’ comparing and contrasting various Mediterranean countries. We will also look at how these factors might influence holidaymakers. As well as this, the children will also get involved in a range of Art and Design skills. The children will get to design the ‘perfect pair of flip flops’ for the Mediterranean. To end the project, the children will debate whether they would rather live in the U.K. or in the Mediterranean.



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; their class teacher will check this 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.

P.E.

This half-term, the children will have **PE on Wednesday**. The focus for these sessions will be cricket and dance.

Key Dates for your diary:

Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Date to be confirmed.	Mediterranean Day (including food tasting - letter to follow)

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Dale and 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 -Spring 2
Subject	Areas covered
English	<p><u>Writing</u> Mediterranean Fact File – Non-chronological report focusing on features of non-fiction texts. The happy prince – Story re-tell, focus on using a variety of vocabulary and the non-negotiables. Junk- Poetry- Looking at the different features of poetry e.g. rhyme, personification and alliteration.</p> <p><u>Reading</u> Ratboy – focus on inference and language (build confidence in answer comprehension questions) Stuart little Summarising the main points from the text and clarifying meaning of language. The Owl who was afraid of the dark- Inference focusing on the characters feelings using clues from the text. King Kong- focus on inference and language (build confidence in answer comprehension questions) All because of Jackson- Making predictions and summarising the main points from the text. Winnie the Pooh- Making inferences about the characters actions supported using clues from the text.</p>
Maths	<p>Time 5-minute intervals and converting from analogue to digital. Fractions – order and compare, equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions. Geometry recognising and measuring angles. Addition and Subtraction- adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers to and from two and one digit numbers.</p>
Science	<p><u>Magnets</u> - attraction, repel, non-contact forces Compare how things move on different surfaces Describe magnets as having 2 poles Discuss non –contact forces Observe how magnets attract and repel forces</p>
Geography	<p><u>Mediterranean</u> Human, Physical and location Map work. Identify and locate countries (including climate)</p>
Computing	<p><u>Presentation</u> Text, sound, slides - PowerPoint</p>
Music	<p><u>Mystic moments</u> Dimensions, singing, texture, notating.</p>
Spanish	<p>Little Red Riding Hood Key characters Settings</p>
PSHE	<p><u>Heartsmart</u> Don't hold on to what's wrong. Why is forgiveness important? Saying sorry. Building Trust. Challenging stereotypes.</p>
DT	<p>Felt textile- Design and make flip flops for the Mediterranean Design, make and evaluate.</p>

PE	<u>Dance</u> Perform a dance phase Copy and perform a dance focusing on rhythm and staying in time. <u>Cricket</u> Bowling, batting, running and simple rules of cricket. Striking and fielding Ball control
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