

Burlish Park Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023

Welcome back! We hope that you enjoyed a fantastic summer break. We are pleased to be welcoming the children into Year 3!

Writing

As writers, we will be focusing on improving our descriptive writing. We will be developing our skills when describing settings and developing characters.

Reading



As readers, we will be improving our ability to read fluently and begin to make inferences from a text, make comparisons within stories and improve our skills of retrieving information and facts.

Maths

As mathematicians, we will be reinforcing calculation skills involving addition, subtraction, division, and multiplication.



You can support your child at home by practising all of these mental methods. In Year 3, we work with numbers up to 1000 so practise counting beyond from any number in 1s, 10s and 100s. Your child

should know the 2, 5 and 10 times tables by the end of Year 2. In Year 3, the children need to learn the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. We encourage adults to practise with their children regularly.

Cross Curricular Subjects

As **scientists**, we will be investigating how light travels and exploring the physical properties of rocks, soils and fossils.

As **artists**, we will be learning to draw a face in proportion like Mariusz Kedzierski.

As **digital creators**, we will be learning how to sequence a program.

As **technologists**, children will be designing, making and evaluating a transport mechanism for you to move plastics and rubbish from the ocean to a recycling depot.

As **geographers**, we will be investigating if the United Kingdom is the same everywhere.

As **historians**, we will be learning about the Stone Age and how innovations developed throughout time.

As **linguists**, we will be introduced to the Spanish language and learn basic key phrases.

As **musicians**, we will be studying one of the BBC Ten Pieces, which will open up the world of classical music through film and musical arrangement.

As **sportspeople**, 3F will be swimming during the autumn term. Both classes will also be taking part in invasion games. 3T will be doing health and fitness and dance.

As **theologists**, we will be exploring what Hindus believe God is like and what it means to be Hindu in Britain today.

In **My Life (PSHE)**, we will be discussing the importance of online safety and what children can do to stay safe online.

Reading at home

We do expect children to be read with daily. Asking questions about the text engages children and helps check their understanding of what they have read. After reading, please sign and put a comment in their Reading and Homework Diary.

Accelerated Reading

Year 3 will be using the Accelerated Reading programme with children. The table on the right-hand side of each double page in the Reading and Homework diary is to be used to record your child's progress in the Accelerated Reading programme.

Physical Education

P.E. takes place every Monday and Wednesday. **All PE kit** needs to be named, including trainers. Children need a white t-shirt or house t-shirt, navy or black shorts, spare socks, and trainers. The children will also need a navy or black tracksuit for the cooler weather. 3F will be swimming during the autumn term and 3T will be swimming during the spring term.

School Jumpers

Please ensure all jumpers (and property in general) have your child's name in. It is almost impossible to reunite them if they have no name and class label.



Reminders

Parents/carers need to book and pay for school lunches on ParentPay by midnight on **Tuesday** for the following week. Please see the office if you need any help with ParentPay.

Break time snack

Please send your child/children in with a healthy snack to eat for their mid-morning break as one is not provided in KS2.

Homework

Maths, English and spelling homework will be uploaded on a Friday via Seesaw. This will be due for the following Friday. We do expect children to complete homework every week.

Stationery

In Year 3, children are expected to bring their own stationery. The children will need a sensible-sized pencil case that fits in their draw, as well as pencils, a rubber, ruler, sharpener, colouring pencils (not pens) and colourless glue sticks.

Attendance & Lateness

Year 3 are striving to get 100% attendance! Please only keep your child at home if really necessary and ensure that they are on time for the start of lessons.

Staffing

3F – Mr Fletcher

3T – Mr Thwaites

Mrs Harper will be in Year 3 in the mornings and Mrs

Llewellyn will be in Year 3 in the afternoon.

And finally...

As ever, please feel free to approach us with any concerns or ideas, preferably at the end of the school day.