



Year 3 Spring Term



If a child lives with tolerance, they learn to be patient.
If a child lives with encouragement, they learn confidence.
If a child lives with praise, they learn to appreciate.
If a child lives with fairness, they learn justice.
If a child lives with security, they learn to have faith.
If a child lives with approval, they learn to like themselves
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
They learn to love the world.

Dorothy Lew Nolte

Dear Parents

Welcome to the spring term, the second term of our academic year. We are looking forward to learning new and exciting things and trying our best!

This pamphlet is to provide you with information about life in Year Three for remainder of this term.

If you have any worries, however small, please do not hesitate to have a word with us (the best time is at home time). We will be happy to speak to you and/or make an appointment for a more lengthy discussion.

At Bridgewater we strive to offer each child interesting and challenging activities and diverse experiences while ensuring that they make the best possible progress so that they are well equipped for life. We hope that by working together we can make the remainder of the year a happy and very profitable one for your child.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Downs and Mr Navin

SOME REMINDERS



Start of the day - We would be grateful if you would ensure that your child arrives on time for school. Children are expected to arrive at school for the start of the school day between 8.40 and 8.50. Children arriving even a few minutes late can often miss vital instructions relating to the morning's work.

End of the day - School finishes at 3.10pm. Tigers dismiss from the link corridor and Elephants will dismiss from the gym. **Please inform us if someone new is collecting your child.** We will not be able to let your child leave with another adult unless you have given us permission in advance.

Uniforms and Coats - We would be grateful if these could be clearly named! Please also label hats, gloves and any other items your child may bring to school.

Reading – Each child is provided with one or two books and a reading record to take home. A shared reading session at home is valuable and rewarding and we would encourage you to read with your child as much as possible. Please sign your child's reading record book every time you hear them read. Once your child has read with an adult four times in a week, and their reading record is signed, they can get a reward from our prize box.

Reading folders should be brought to school every day.

PE – Tigers have their PE lesson on Tuesdays and Elephants on Thursdays. Children will need to bring or wear trainers on these days. PE kits will be provided for the children. Long hair should be tied back.

No jewellery should be worn, including earrings.

Homework – Homework in year 3 will be in a variety of forms. Weekly spellings will be sent home on Fridays and will be tested on the following Friday. Homework will be either Maths, English, Science or Topic. This will be sent home on Fridays to be completed by the following Friday.

This is what we're doing this term!	
English:	In English, we will be covering a number of genres including non chronological reports, newspaper reports and diary entries. We will also be improving our grammar skills, where we will work on using apostrophes for contraction, homophones and using pre-fixes and suffixes correctly. Our class text this half term is 'Leon and the Place Between' by Angela McAllister and we will be linking the text into our writing. We will continue to develop a neat, joined handwriting style and we will continue to develop phonic knowledge and spelling patterns.
Maths:	In Maths, we will be working on our knowledge of mental maths strategies, both formal and informal. We will also be learning how to develop reasoning skills to broaden our understanding of what we are taught in class. We will be looking at units of measurement, money, statistics, number and fractions. We will also be practising our times tables every week and working towards the bronze, silver and gold badges.
Science:	This term, we will be learning about light & dark before moving onto plants. We will learn about sources of light, investigating reflective surfaces and thinking about how shadows are formed. They will develop their scientific enquiry skills by making observations, predictions and conclusions. They will interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables.
P.E.	In PE, we will continue working with our PE coach. This term, we will be learning how to play football and developing our team work skills.
P.S.H.E.	We will learn how families differ from each other and how common features of positive family life often include shared experiences, e.g. celebrations, special days or holidays.
R.E.	In R.E. this term we will be learning about the contents of the bible and its significance for Christians. We will also be learning about the Easter story and what this means for Christians.
Topic:	We will be starting to look at Italy as a series of Geography lessons. We will explore geographical similarities and differences between Italy and the UK through the study of physical and human geography. We will also look at some famous landmarks and consider ways in which Italian culture has influenced life in Britain today.
ICT:	In ICT, we will continue to improve our word processing skills and learn how to search for information on the web. We will learn about online safety, including cyberbullying and the importance of not sharing personal information online. In the second half of the term, we will be using Movie Maker to record and present our learning about Italy.
Art and DT:	Art this term will be linked to our topic of 'Italy'. We will be looking at the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo. In DT we will be using our sewing skills while looking at reflective materials and thinking about how we can stay safe in the darker months.