



Gisburn Road CP School

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Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter—Autumn Term 1

Screech Owls

Welcome back to what has proved to be another very promising start to the academic year! The children have settled in really well and seem very excited about the forthcoming term. I hope you have all had a great summer! This half-term, in Year 3, we will be studying the theme 'There is no place like home' as a part of our creative curriculum.

Please come in to see me after school if you have any issues or concerns, or make an appointment through the office. Please note that the juniors finish school at **3:20pm**. To keep up to date with what is going on in school and events we would like you to attend, please follow the link below. This takes you to our 'What's on' calendar.

<https://www.gisburnroad.com/CALENDAR>

Mr Shabbir and Miss Hartley

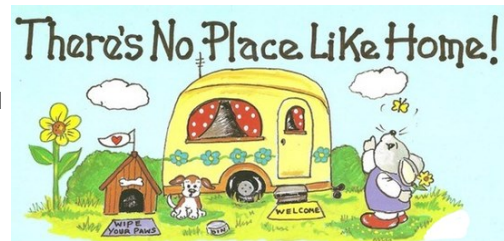


What will we be learning this Term?

English We will focus on folk tales (including 'The Lancashire Giant'). The children will write their own folktale with a series of events which will include prepositions and dialogue punctuated with inverted commas.

Maths In Maths, we will be focusing on: place value, addition and subtraction, using inverse and estimation to check our answers, properties of shape and time. We will also answer lots of problem solving and reasoning based questions.

Topic In **History**, we will be examining expansion and change in our local area and using a range of sources to develop our knowledge of the past in the local area. We will also use a variety of sources to find out about our school in the past. This topic has a major focus in **Geography**. We will learn to name and locate the counties and cities of the United Kingdom and focus in on Lancashire and particularly the area surrounding Barnoldswick. We will be learning how to understand, use and make our own simple route maps. As a part of our fieldwork, we will observe, measure and record the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods including sketch maps, cameras and other digital devices. In **ICT**, we will learn how to use the zoom facility on digital maps and add a range of text and annotations to digital maps to explain features and places. We will learn how to upload images from a digital camera, resize images and edit them on a computer.



Dates

Monday 2nd September

School re-opens

Wednesday 11th September

Meet the teacher

Friday 13th September

Collection for harvest festival begins

Monday 23rd September

Harvest assembly

Friday 18th October

School closes for half-term

Home Learning

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English and Maths homework will be given on a Friday to be in the following Wednesday. Children will also get a creative homework sheet every half term and should complete at least two of the activities and return their final pieces by Wednesday 16th October.

Home Reading.

We ask that your child reads for at least 10 minutes each evening. This can be independent reading, and may include magazines, non-fiction or novels. Please sign the red home reading booklet when you see or hear your child reading.

PE

We will be doing PE on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** but we would like PE kit in each day as we may complete other PE activities during the week. Please ensure that your child has an indoor and outdoor kit in school. As your child is now in Y3 they will need a both an indoor and outdoor PE kit.

What will Year 3 be learning in 2019-2020?

Below is a brief overview of the curriculum which Year 3 will be completing during the following year.

Autumn 1st Half Term ***There's no place like Barlick!***

During this theme we will be investigating local history and geography. We will discover what life was like a century ago by learning about the millworkers who worked in Bancroft Mill. In Geography, we will learn more about our local environment and the physical and human features that make up the landscape. We will also learn some map reading skills.



Autumn 2nd Half Term ***Healthy Humans***

Based around the human body, this theme focuses on nutrition and diet. Our learning will include how to create simple, healthy dishes (linked to DT). Within Art and Design we will design and make a fruit inspired textile.



Spring 1st Half Term ***Rock and Roll***

This half term we will be looking at rocks and fossils together with key aspects of volcanoes and earthquakes. Focusing on Ancient Britain, this theme will look at both Stonehenge and Skara Brae. Within Art we will be observing fossils, drawing and printing them together with creating cave style paintings.



Spring 2nd Half Term ***Mechanical Mayhem***

This is a Design Technology based theme on mechanical systems with special focus on levers and linkages. In DT we will design, create and evaluate our own moving 'toy' while in Science we will be investigating forces and magnets. During this half term, Year 3 will practise and perform a play to an audience.



Summer Term 1st Half Term ***Groovy Gardening***

This theme is focused on the science of plants. We will look at the parts and functions of a flowering plant together with plant growth and pollination. In Design Technology, we will be designing and making structures (Shell/Frame structures) and investigating how to strengthen them.



Summer Term 2nd Half Term ***Rotten Romans***

The main focus in this theme is in both Geography and History, looking at the Romans and their influence in Britain. We will also be exploring Britain's National Parks with special focus on the Lake District. This is a very creative theme which includes painting designs on plaster and creating mosaics.

