

Giffard Park Primary School: Year 3 Newsletter



Welcome back!

We are excited to welcome you back to school after an unusual end to last year. We will be here to make school a safe and happy place for the children and we are looking forward to our

Autumn term in Year 3, with lots of exciting learning planned! Please remember you can communicate with us through the class e-mail accounts:

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Important information

Half term – Friday 23rd October to Friday 30th October

Parliament Week – Monday 2nd November

Children in Need – Friday 13th November

Antibullying / Road Safety Week – Monday 16th November

Non-uniform day – Thursday 26th November

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 18th December

Curriculum

For the autumn term, we shall be learning all about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. Our learning will lead us to explore the changes in Britain across this time and we will be taking part in a range of exciting activities. We will be creating our own cave paintings, learning about and making fossils, as well as travelling through time with our descriptive writing. In maths, we will be exploring a range of units, with a focus on number and place value. Our Science learning for the first half term will be focussing on 'Rocks', and our second half term will be all about 'Forces and Magnets'

PE

Blake and Pullman classes will have PE on Thursdays. Children are to come into school on this day wearing the required PE kit.

Learning at home

Homework – Children will be set a piece of maths or reading comprehension which will need to be completed each week. This will be set on a Wednesday to be handed in the following Monday. Children will have a homework book to keep this safe.

KIRF - Your child is allocated a different Key Instant Recall Fact target for maths each half term. These may be personalised to your child and come with a list of suggested activities to complete. They are available on the school's website and will also be in your child's homework book. KIRFs will be tested in school so it is important to support children in learning these at home.

Reading - Reading supports children in every area of their learning. As a reward for reading four times a week, children are entered into a school reading raffle each Friday, with the chance to win a new book. On Friday mornings children will need to show their reading records to their teacher to be entered into the raffle.

Spellings – Weekly spellings will continue to be sent home on a Wednesday and these will also be in the homework book. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child at home.