

Year 3 Parent Welcome Session



Welcome from the Team

Year 3

Mrs Stevenson



Miss Cater



Miss Cowdry



Mr James



Mr Esworthy



Mr White



Miss Lynn



Mr Burton



Topic: Sustainable Me!

This curriculum newsletter provides an overview of your child's learning this half-term.



English

As writers we will begin the term by reading the poem 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough. We will focus on identifying nouns and verbs within the poem and use this as a basis to inspire us to write our own poems.

Later in the half term we will read 'Greta and the Giants' by Zoe Tucker, which is an excellent picture book, retelling the story of Nobel Peace Prize nominee Greta Thunberg. We will learn about the work of Greta Thunberg and be inspired to create persuasive posters to highlight the importance of looking after the planet. We will recap many of the Year 2 spelling rules and focus on including expanded noun phrases within our writing.

As readers we will be using 'Comprehension Ninja' reading programme to explore extracts from a variety of texts and genres. We will continue to work on developing as readers by building our comprehension skills, particularly retrieving key information from a text by skimming and scanning. We will also be working on our reading fluency too, by reading aloud regularly.

Science

As scientists we will be learning all about plants. We will identify the different parts of flowering plants and explore the requirements for plant life and growth. We will also investigate how water is transported within plants and explore the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and dispersal.

PE

As athletes we will be learning the skills needed to play basketball, developing our ball skills and coordination. We will also be developing our personal skills through our RealPE lessons.

Art and Design Technology

As artists and designers we will explore sketching techniques and finger painting to create unique self-portraits. Later on this half term, we will also begin exploring how drawing and nature can be intertwined to create artwork.

Computing

As computer scientists we will be identifying the inputs, processes and outputs of digital devices and we will begin to understand how devices can be connected to make networks. We will also be thinking about how to stay safe when using the internet and why it is important to keep our personal information and identity private.

RE

As theologists we will explore the question 'How do people express commitment to a religion or worldview in different ways?' with a focus on Christianity and Judaism. We will specifically be looking at Christian baptism and Jewish Bar and Bat Mitzvah.

Geography

As geographers we will explore what being sustainable actually means and consider how we can make our school more sustainable. We will also consider the importance of wind and solar farms, particularly in the countryside.

Maths

As mathematicians we will:

- Represent and partition numbers to 100, then 1000.
- Explore hundreds, tens and ones.
- Compare and order numbers to 1000.
- Add and subtract across 100.
- Add and subtract 2 numbers with and without exchanging.

RHE/PSHE

To understand ourselves and others we will explore what democracy is and take part in a vote for the School Council. We will also look at our own feelings and consider how we can keep our minds and brains healthy. Lastly, we will learn how to regulate ourselves and recognise the different feelings and responses we may have in a variety of situations.

Music

As musicians we will listen and appraise songs from different genres, while focusing our attention on dynamics and tempo. We will have opportunities to compose our own music and perform in front of our classmates. We will also continue to attend our weekly singing assemblies.

French

As linguists we will begin by learning simple greetings and counting to 10.

Curriculum Overview for this half-term

Supporting Learning at home

HOME LEARNING

1 | Read for a star



To help your child make good progress in their reading, we encourage you to read with your child at least four times a week and to log this in their reading diary. They will receive certificates during the year to celebrate their reading at home.

2 | Marvellous Maths

The aim of Marvellous Maths is to encourage your child to do a fun mathematical activity four times a week. This may be helping them with number bonds, practising telling the time and measuring ingredients whilst cooking. We encourage children to start using Times Tables Rockstars regularly from Year 3 onwards.

3 | Weekly Home Learning

Weekly home learning tasks will be sent on a Friday. These will be activities which help to consolidate learning from the week.



1 | PE Days

PE will happen weekly on Wednesday mornings. We will also complete a daily mile every morning. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week, incase we need to change the day due to poor weather.



2 | Library Day

Library day will also be on a Wednesday. Children will need to bring their library book in to get a new book to take home each week.



3 | Assemblies

Every week, we have a Monday morning assembly with Mr. Cross to start the week. We also have a weekly singing assembly on a Thursday and a celebration assembly on Friday afternoons. We will let you know in good time when the Year 3 Show and Share Assembly will be taking place.

Our School Uniform

We are proud of our school uniform and we expect all children to wear it with pride. For safety reasons, children should not wear any jewellery in school, apart from studded earrings (which should be covered during PE).

Uniform	PE Uniform (in named bag)
Purple sweatshirt/cardigan (with or without logo)	Shorts and purple polo shirt
White shirt/polo shirt	Trainers for outdoor PE
Black or grey trousers / skirt / pinafore / shorts	
Dark trainers/flat sensible shoes	



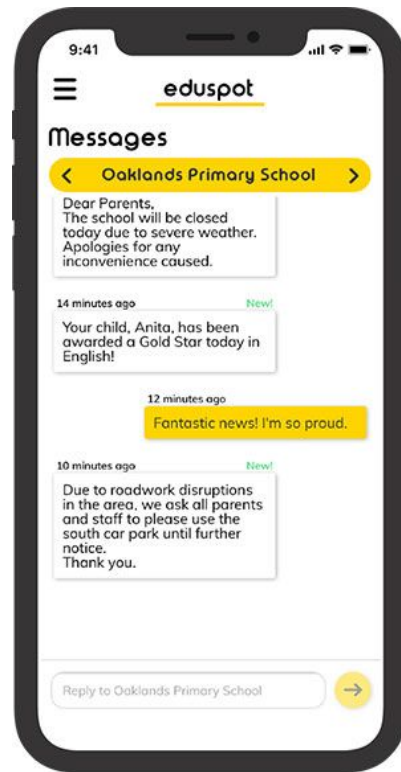
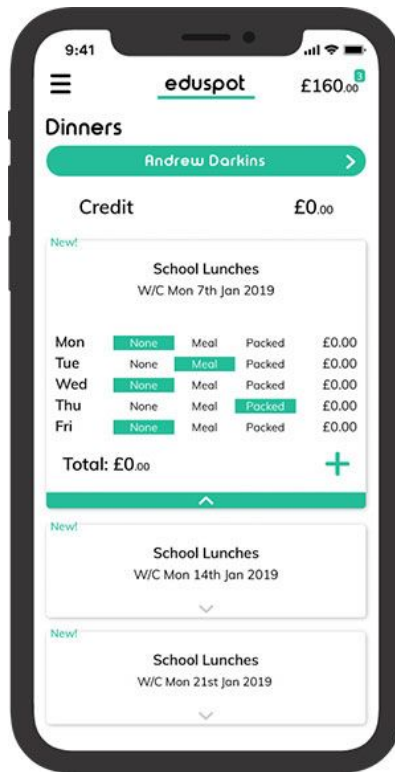
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We use Eduspot for school money and communication. Make sure you download the app and allow push notifications to receive texts alerts



How we keep in touch with you

Year 2 Blog Posts



Year 2 – Smoothie Making

12th July 2023
In DT this half term Year 2 have completed a smoothie making project. First they taste tested smoothies so that they could decide which fruits they liked best. Then they designed their own recipes and wrote out which ingredients they would need. Finally they made their smoothies, carefully cutting the fruit and adding it to the container before it was blended. Then they got to



Year 2 – PE

29th June 2023
This half term Year 2 have been enjoying developing their throwing, aiming and agility skills in PE. This week they took part in a carousel of activities to practise what they've learnt. They even challenged themselves to adapt the activities to make them trickier!



Year 2 – Online Author Visit

23rd June 2023
Year 2 had an exciting morning today when they took part in an online author visit with Nathan Bryn and Dapo Adedokun. The children listened to Nathan and Dapo read their new book *Speak Up!* and then took part in a quiz. After that, Dapo taught the children how to draw the bookworm from



Monthly Newsletters

Year Group Blog Pages

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 2 / Autumn 2

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to all our Year 2 pupils and their families! We hope that you had an enjoyable break over the half term and have returned to school with you on the starting form. Please keep an eye out for any year group text messages to this half term message of communicating with you all.

Key vocabulary

axis	A rod on which wheels can rotate.
chassis	A frame on which a vehicle is built.
axle	Wooden rod used to make axles.
axle	Rotations when two things are together.
axle	The HINDU Festival of Lights.
materials	What objects are made from.
authority	Having properties for a specific purpose.
properties	What a material is and whether it is useful.

Home Learning

In year 2 pupils are expected to read their school 'Book Bag Book' at least 4 times per week for 10 minutes. Please record and sign their reading diary for them so they can earn their 'Read for a Star' award.

The school has been subscribed to the online maths app **Numbots** and **Times Tables Rock Stars**. These can be downloaded by the school to use at home. We will be sending out information to help you to use these apps can be found in the back of their diaries. Pupils are encouraged to complete all 10 minute maths sessions at home per week. Please record this in their diaries for them so they can earn their **Marvellous Maths** award.

Upcoming Dates

07th-22nd 06th-22nd: Whole School Parents' Evening appointments

11th-22nd: Remembrance Assembly (Children only)

18th-22nd: Year 2/3 Curriculum Day (see end of book for details)

08th-22nd: 1st-5th 2-5th: Year 2/3 Half-term performance

Kite Festival: Date TBC

Curriculum Newsletter every half-term

Newsletter

June 2023



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Reminder: Sports Day 2023



Welcome back to our final half term of this academic year. We have lots planned, including our Year 2 trip to Cronex, a day of water sports at Whittingham broads for Year 3 and Year 5 are off to Eaton Valley today for their residential trip!

I hope parents and carers can join us for our upcoming sports day and summer fair, organised by the Friends of GHPS.

Mr Matthew Cross
Headteacher

Sun Cream and Sun Hats

As we get warmer weather this half term please ensure that your child comes to school with a hat and sun cream. It's also recommended to apply sun cream at home and send your child to school with extra sun cream so they can re-apply.



KS1 Playground Improvements

Over the half-term, we have been busy making improvements to our playground areas, to add more shade during the summer months and help improve playtimes for children. Please be careful when



Earth Day 2023

Miss Taylor helped to lead our whole-school Earth Day event in May. Children found out more about the impact of littering on the environment. In the afternoon buddy classes met up to complete 'No - Mow May' posters, which have been placed in our outdoor classroom.



Year 3 Wraps



Hedgehog Music Performance



Today Oct 9 – 15, 2023

Monday, October 9

all-day School Photos

Tuesday, October 10

all-day School Photos

Friday, October 13

all-day Curriculum Day

Online Calendar on our website

Workshares

Every half-term, we are inviting you into your child's classroom to have a browse of the learning they have done across subjects and to celebrate their achievements to date. These last for 30 minutes and take place from 3 - 3.30pm.

Our first Workshare will take place on Tuesday 14th October.



Snack and Lunchtimes

Packed Lunches

This is eaten in the school hall with the other children. As a 'healthy school' we do not permit fizzy drinks or sweets.

School Lunches

There is a always hot dinner, vegetarian jacket potato and cold lunch option.

Children really enjoy trying a range of foods, with our roast Wednesdays and fish and chip Friday always a hit!

You can order your child's lunch in advance on our school app.

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THANK YOU

Mid-morning Break

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 get free fruit and Reception children also receive Milk. Children in KS2 are encouraged to bring a healthy snack into school for their mid-morning break. This could be fruit, yoghurt or cheese. Please do not supply chocolate, sweets or crisps for mid-morning snack.

Water Bottles

Children should bring in a 'named' water bottle for use during the school day. This should be filled with water only - no squash, juices or fizzy drinks in school.

Week One School Lunch Menu
Spring - Summer Menu 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	(v) Margherita Pizza with Tomato Sauce	Pork and Carrot Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Sticky Chicken with Savory Rice	Fish Fingers
Served with	Sweetcorn	Pasta Bowls and Mixed Vegetables	Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Mixed Salad	Chips and Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Cocoa Cupcake	Fresh Fruit Selection	Summer Berry Muffin	Vanilla Ice Cream	Zesty Lemon Shortbread with Orange Wedges

Relax to recharge

Week One: 17 Apr | 8 May | 5 June | 26 June | 17 July | 18 Sept | 9 Oct

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Why attendance is important



1 | Secure Relationships

Children find it easier to build and sustain a range of social relationships when they regularly attend school.

2 | Self-esteem

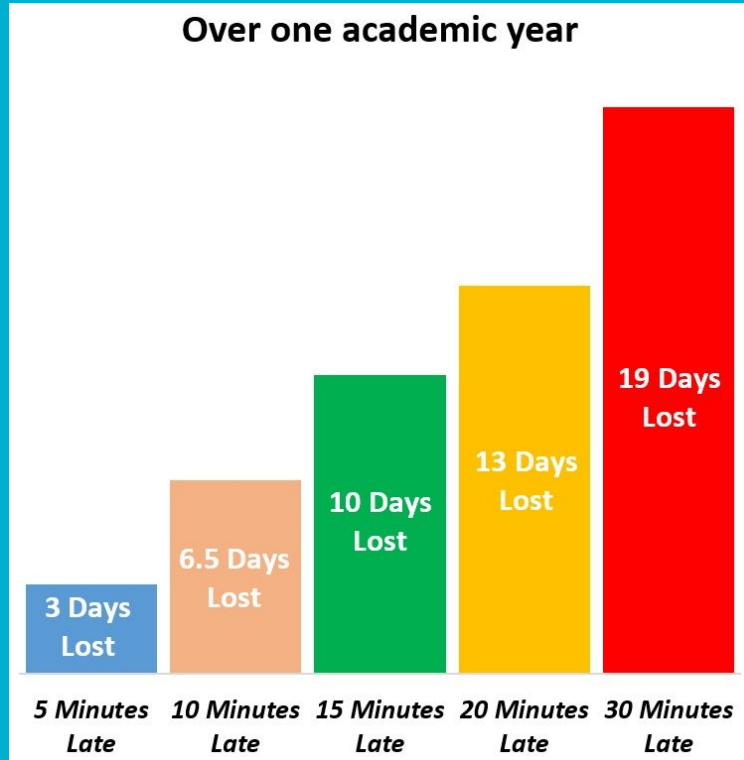
Children who rarely miss school and come on time are more likely to feel good about themselves. This is because they know what goes on and what to expect, feel more confident with the adults and the other children.

3 | Learning and development

Teachers plan lessons that build on previous knowledge. If children are absent from school regularly, they are at risk of having gaps in their learning.

Every minute counts

(figures below are calculated over a school year)



Top tips for improving attendance

- ★ Speak positively about school at home.
- ★ Have a regular routine for the start of each day.
- ★ Help your child get their clothes and bag ready before they go to bed.
- ★ Set a reasonable bed time to make sure they get enough sleep.
- ★ Speak to staff at school if you would like more support.

Any Questions?

