

# Year 3 Autumn News



Welcome back and welcome to Year 3! We hope you enjoyed the summer holidays and are ready for the new term in key stage 2. We are really impressed with how your children have settled back into school life this week, and we look forward to seeing you at *Meet the Teacher* on **Friday**, straight after school.

Mrs Lupton, Mrs Skeggs and Mr Warlow

## Reading

At Gothic Mede, we expect each child in key stage 2 to read on a daily basis at home. Children should be reading their book to an adult at least three times throughout the week to develop fluency and comprehension skills. We will aim to change Year 3 books every **Tuesday**. Regular reading at home is one of the best ways to help your child develop. Reading diaries should be signed by an adult; a child can read alternative books to their home reading book – please record the title in their reading record. Your child will be heard reading in school in a variety of different ways: whole class guided reading, in English lessons, in a range of other curriculum areas and, where possible, 1:1.

## Mathematics

At Gothic Mede, we follow a mastery approach to maths, using the *White Rose* scheme of learning. This ensures that all children gain a deep and secure understanding of mathematical concepts and can apply them across a range of contexts. Children also have a daily slot of Maths fluency to ensure quick and accurate recall of number facts.

All children in key stage 2 will have a TT (Times Tables) Rockstars login to enable them to practise their times tables at home and at school. By the end of year 3, we aim for your child to be confident in their 2, 5, 10, 3, 4- and 8- times tables.

## PE Days

Year 3 have outdoor PE on **Mondays** and indoor PE on **Fridays**. As it gets colder your child will need to wear navy tracksuit bottoms, their PE t-shirt and their GMA jumper / cardigan as the children go outside throughout the winter months. Please remove earrings on PE days - if that is not possible, provide your child with tape (micropore is available from most supermarkets and chemists) as earrings must be covered.

## Library

Chestnut and Sycamore classes aim to visit the library every other **Thursday** afternoon. Please ensure your child brings their book into school every Thursday to either be changed or renewed.

## Homework

Your child will receive **weekly spellings** (sent out on a Friday to be returned the following Thursday) and **fortnightly Maths** homework (sent out on a Friday to be returned by Wednesday of the second week). A copy of the calculation policy can be found in your child's maths homework folder. This outlines the strategies that we follow. A full version of our calculation policy can be accessed here:

<https://www.gothicmede.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1273&type=pdf>

This outlines the different representations used to support your child in their learning.

Your child will also receive a **Star Challenge** every term. These have clear success criteria but we encourage the children to be creative with how they choose to present their work!

## Swimming:

In the spring term year 3 children will go for swimming lessons at Saxon pool, Biggleswade. The exact dates are still to be confirmed.

## This term your child will be learning about:

**Science** – Animals including humans (**our first Star Challenge is related to the skeletal system**).

**History** – Prehistory – stone age, iron age and bronze age.

**Geography** – Climate and weather.

**Art** – Kandinsky and sketching the seasons.

**RE** – Where, how and why do people worship; What is the Trinity and why is it important for Christians?

**Computing** – Coding, online safety and spreadsheets.

**PE and Games** – Ball skills, invasions, gymnastics and fitness.

**PSHE** – Families and relationships and citizenship.

**French** – Greetings, numbers, colours and days of the week.

**P.E.** – Dance and fundamental skills.

There are several websites you and your child can use for Science, History, Phonics and other topics:–

BBC bitesize - [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1)



We have a school login for *Espresso*, which offers a wide range of resources to support your child.

**Login:** student4386

**Password:** gothic



All children also have the login details for *Purple Mash* which has a whole range of curriculum resources.



We also have a school login for *Phonics Play*. This has many fun games to help your child with their reading and recognition of sounds. Please focus on Phase 3 and 5 sounds.

**Login:** gma123

**Password:** arlesey123



We use *Letter-Join* in school to teach handwriting. Your child can use this at home on a computer or tablet.

**Login:** gothic

**Password:** mede

**Tablet access – Login:** gothic

**Swipe code:** A capital 'L' starting top left

We would ask that you encourage your child to use these at home during any 'screen-time' available.



All children also have the login details for *Times Tables Rockstars* and *Numbots*.

