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*Galliard Primary
School*

*Year 3 Newsletter
Spring Term*

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Welcome back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the spring term! We hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and happy festive break.

Spring is always a positive and busy time in school, full of learning, growth, and new opportunities for our pupils. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead and to celebrating our pupils' achievements along the way.

We kindly ask that you continue to prioritise listening to your child read regularly at home. Reading is the foundation for all learning and plays a vital role across every area of the curriculum. Your ongoing support with this makes a significant difference to your child's confidence and progress.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We value our strong partnership with you and look forward to working together throughout the term.

With best wishes,

Miss M Begum

Assistant Headteacher
Year 1, 2 and 3 Head of Department



Meet the team

Assistant Headteacher

Miss Begum

Year 3

3G Mrs Georgiou

3C Miss Caliskan

3S Ms Suleyman

HLTA's

Mrs Altinok

Mrs Sarno

Mrs Chang

Ms Valentine



Year 3 Curriculum

Reading: Reading Programme - Vocabulary, Fluency, Comprehension based on a weekly core text

English: Newspaper Reports, Explanation Texts, Informal Letters and Narratives based on our core texts: Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl and Flat Stanley by Jess Brown

Maths: Multiplication, Division, Area and Perimeter, Fractions

Science: Forces and Plants

History: Stone Age and Iron Age

Geography: Rainforests

Art: Printing self-portraits inspired by Elizabeth Catlett

D&T: Shell Structures

R.E: What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today? How do family and festivals show what matters to Jewish people?

Music: Tuned Instruments

PSHE: Living in the wider world

Computing: Desktop Publishing & Branching Databases

French: Animals, Carnivores & Numbers

Talk Time: A weekly activity that encourages the children to discuss, explain, agree, disagree and question topical issues

Homework

- Weekly Maths homework will be uploaded on **MyMaths**
- **Times Tables Rockstars**
- **Reading:** Children will be provided with a banded book from our Badger book scheme to read at home daily. It is important that children bring their reading book to school **every day!**



Read, Read, Read



At Galliard, we believe that reading is the key to unlocking a world of imagination, knowledge, and confidence.

Through stories, children can travel to new places, meet exciting characters, and learn new ideas. In Key Stage 2, we aim to continue nurturing a love of reading by sharing books together every day, encouraging curiosity, and celebrating each child's progress. We know that strong reading skills not only support learning across all subjects but also help children to develop creativity and a lifelong enjoyment of books.

To give our pupils the very best start, we have committed to a strong phonics programme in Early Years – spring term of Year 2: **Read Write Inc.** This structured approach helps children build the skills they need to decode words, grow their vocabulary, and become fluent, confident readers.

We expect most children to reach RWI Blue level by the end of Year 1 and RWI Grey level by the end of the first half of the spring term in Year 2, at which point they graduate from the RWI programme. In order to progress to this stage, children must be reading fluently—this means reading with accuracy, appropriate pace, expression, and strong comprehension. The only way to get better at fluency is to keep reading.

In Year 3 and 4, once children have completed Read Write Inc., they move on to our banded reading system, based on the Badger Book Scheme. Children in Year 3 are expected to begin on the white band and work their way up to Brown by the end of the year. These carefully selected books continue to build vocabulary, deepen comprehension, and promote reading for pleasure.

We understand that parents and carers have busy lives, but we strongly encourage you to read with your child every day. Just ten minutes of sharing a book together can make a real difference to their confidence, progress, and enjoyment of reading.



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Book Band	Emerging	Expected	Confident Exceeding	Super Confident Exceeding
Lilac (Level 0)	Reception			
Pink (Level 1)		Reception		
Red (Level 2)	Year 1	Reception		
Yellow (Level 3)	Year 1	Reception		
Blue (Level 4)		Year 1	Reception	
Green (Level 5)	Year 2	Year 1	Reception	
Orange (Level 6)	Year 2	Year 1		
Turquoise (Level 7)		Year 2	Year 1	
Purple (Level 8)		Year 2	Year 1	
Gold (Level 9)		Year 2	Year 1	
White (Level 10)	Year 3	Year 2	Year 2	
Lime (Level 11)	Year 3, Year 4		Year 2	
Brown (Level 12)	Year 4, Year 5	Year 3	Year 2	
Grey (Level 13)	Year 5, Year 6	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2
Dark Blue (Level 14)	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3
Dark Red (Level 15)		Year 6	Year 5	Year 4
Black (Level 16)			Year 6	Year 5
Black Plus (Level 17)				Year 6

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P.E at Galliard



Please ensure your child comes to school in their full PE kit on P.E. days. The school PE kit includes:

- Navy shorts, joggers, or leggings
- House t-shirt (Bedford Blue, Richmond Red, Grosvenor Green, or York Yellow)
- Comfortable trainers

For safety and ease, please make sure your child can put on and take off their trainers independently, and can fasten them securely. While we advise that children do not wear earrings to school on PE days, if they do, we recommend studs. These can be securely taped during PE lessons to avoid injury.

<i>Class</i>	<i>Days</i>
3C	Monday, Thursday
3G	Monday, Thursday
3S	Monday, Thursday



Dates for your diary (so far)

January

5th Staff INSET day. School closed

6th Start of term: pupils return to school

15th CENSUS day

February

13th Last day of the first half term. School ends at 15:25

16th - 20th Half Term. 23rd Staff INSET day. School closed

25th Year 3 Trip to Celtic Harmony

March

5th World Book Day

18th Parents Evening 15:30 – 19:00 & Book Fair

19th Parents Evening 15:30 – 17:30 & Book Fair

27th Last day of term. School ends at 14:00

30th March - 10th April Easter Holiday

