

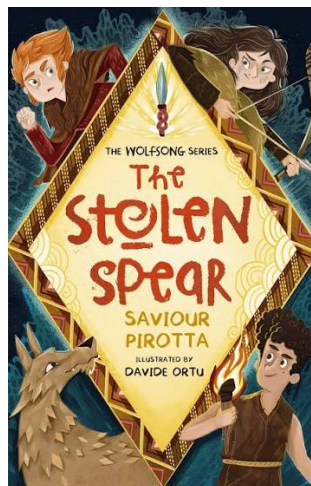


Hello and welcome to Year 3 and indeed to Key Stage 2! We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to new adventures in Year 3.

Our first topic this year is:

PREHISTORIC PEOPLE

In this topic, we will travel back to prehistoric times to learn about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. Remember to check out the topic web for more details on the curriculum we will be covering. In Science we will be starting off by looking at our rocks and fossils unit and in Art we will be looking at exploring, investigating and creating Cave Art (Paintings.)



A day in Year 3

We will open the main KS2 corridor doors at **8:40** and be ready to welcome the children into school. Most mornings, they will then organise their belongings, sign in on the iPad and may begin individual reading. School will begin at **8:50** and your child may be marked late if they are not registered by then. At home time, they will collect their belongings and we will dismiss the children from the amphitheatre area of the KS2 playground at **3:20** (we know some families will be collecting KS1 children first, please do not worry, we will wait with your child until you arrive).

Please note there is no requirement for your child to bring a pencil case or other items from home, all equipment will be provided by the school and these things often become a distraction to learning.

P.E.

On the days they have PE (**Monday** and **Tuesdays** for this half term), children are expected to arrive in school wearing their PE kit (see list below) and keep it on all day. On Mondays we will be going **Swimming** and Tuesday will be with the **PE Coach** doing Outdoor Adventurous Activities.



Correct kit consists of:

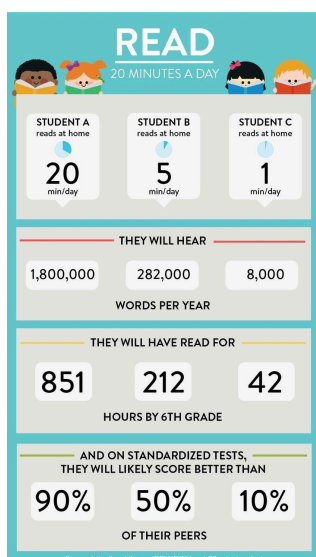
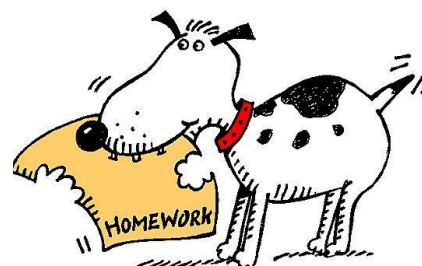
- White or red school t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black pumps
- For outside PE: plain trainers and plain jogging bottoms, hoodie/warm top.

During the first half term, Year 3 will be attending swimming lessons on **Monday afternoons** at Southam pool and are required to wear PE kit and bring swimming kit on that day. They will arrive back at school at **approximately 3:30 pm** so please be aware of the slightly different requirements until October half term.

Home school partnership

Class Dojo will continue to be our primary method of communication and we will check this daily (please note: Dojo will not be monitored **after 6pm**). Please do message us with any queries – we would far rather nip a problem in the bud than let it snowball! One of us will also be available to speak with after school if you would prefer to phone or meet face to face.

Homework will be set weekly via the Class Story on Dojo. It will be posted on a Wednesday and we expect children's work to be uploaded to their portfolio by the following Monday for marking.

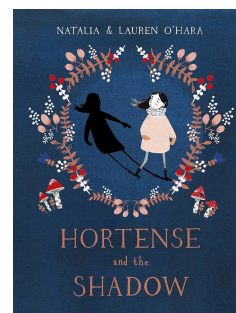
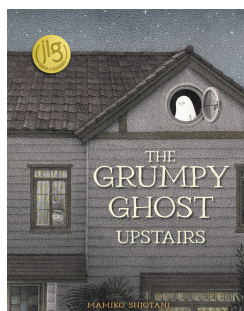


Reading with your child is one of the most valuable things you can do with them. Please continue to record your child's reading journey in their reading record booklets and make sure your child brings this, and the book they are reading, in daily. In the second week, we will be supporting your child to find a reading book pitched at their ability level in accordance with the new Accelerated Reader system we are using. For more details see:

<https://www.harburyschool.com/curriculum/reading/>

Key Texts

In the Autumn term we will be looking at three key texts within our writing units. The Iron Man by Ted Hughes (Chris Mould Edition), The Grumpy Ghost Upstairs by Mamiko Shitotani and Hortense and the Shadow by Natalia and Lauren O'Hara.



Healthy Snacks

Key Stage 2 children are not eligible for free fruit so if you would like your child to have a breaktime snack please send them to school with a piece of fruit, a plain biscuit or cereal bar which they can keep in their tray. Please remember we are a nut-free school.



We look forward to working with you and your children

Kind regards

Mrs Scale

Upcoming events:

Thursday 3rd September 2026	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 8th September 2026	Open classroom 'Meet the teacher' Presentation KS1- 4.30pm KS2- 5pm
Thursday 17th September 2026	Flu immunisations
Monday 21st September 2026	International Day of Peace PeacePole and activities
Friday 2nd October 2026	Harvest Festival All Saints 9.30am
Tuesday 6th October	Individual photographs
20th and 22nd October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 21st October 2026	Year 3 WOW Day Prehistoric People Dress Up
Thursday 22nd October	Break the Rules Day Break up
Friday 23rd October	Staff Training Day