



# Gig Mill Primary School

## Welcome to Year 3





# Year 3 Staff

## Teaching Staff:

- Mrs Franklin and Mrs Glover (3FG)
- Mr Flack (3F)
- Mrs Burke (3B)
- Mrs Priestly

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## Support Staff:

- Ms Smithyman
- Miss Cooper
- Mrs Walters
- Mrs Petford



# Our School Values

- Respect
- Honesty
- Perseverance
- Collaboration
- Creativity
- Equality

‘High expectations and nurturing relationships mean that pupils develop into successful, independent learners.’

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# General Information

We have been really pleased with the way in which the children have embraced the first week in Year 3.

They have:

- Settled into a new routine;
- Embraced a new curriculum and challenges;

# Structure of Year 3.

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- 8:50 - Gates closed, register opens
- 9:00 - Morning Lessons begins
- 10:15 – 10:25 – Healthy Snack
- 10.25 – 10.40 – Morning Break
- 10:45 – 12:20 - Morning lessons continue
- 12:20 – 1:10 - Lunch
- 1:15 – 2:15 - Afternoon lessons begin
- 2:15 – 2:30 – Afternoon Break (for start of Autumn Term only)
- 2:30 – 3:15 – Afternoon lessons continue
- 3:20 – 3:30 – Home time



# What to bring to school <sup>F</sup> every day

- Water bottle
- Reading book and reading re
- Coat (regardless of the weat
- Jumper/cardigan
- Healthy Snack
- Dinner money (there are envelopes in school)



No big bags please!

# Swimming and PE days <sup>F</sup>

- PE days are on **Monday for all three classes.**
- **3F and 3FG on Wednesday and 3B on Thursday.**
- . This may change for the spring and summer term.
  
- Swimming will be during the **spring** term. You will be notified which day later in the year.
  
- **No earrings** – they must be taken out before school or by the child in school.  
**Plasters over earrings are not permitted.**

## PE Kit

- plain colour t-shirt (house colour)
- black shorts or joggers.

If your child wears lace-up trainers, please practice doing these up at

# Irresistible Learning

Irresistible Learning Topics are taught throughout the term. Three topics will be taught during the year.

These are:

- Storms and Shipwrecks (Caribbean)
- Dig It (Stone Age)
- Italian Adventure (Italy/Romans)





# Reading

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Please continue to read with your child at home and write a comment in their reading record. We do check these and appreciate your feedback.

Teachers read with your child weekly, but this will not be recorded in their home reading record.

Your child is responsible for changing their

# Reading

## Year 3 reading

This half term our reading focus will be on vocabulary.

Below is a selection of questions that you could ask when reading with your child:

- In this sentence \_\_\_\_\_ is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_?
- The author uses \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ has two different definitions, do you know what they both mean?
- The author uses \_\_\_\_\_. Why do you think they chose this word?
- The author uses \_\_\_\_\_. Which of these words could be used to give a similar meaning in the sentence?
  - Which word best describe \_\_\_\_\_?
  - What does this word/phrase/sentence tell you about \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Select a key phrase or line. By writing a line in this way what effect has the author created?
- Why does the author use \_\_\_\_\_ repeatedly?
- The writer uses words like \_\_\_\_\_ to describe \_\_\_\_\_. What does this tell you \_\_\_\_\_?
- What other words/phrases could the author have used?
- The writer uses \_\_\_\_\_ to describe \_\_\_\_\_ How does this make you feel?

# What can you do to help your<sup>B</sup> child succeed?

- Help with spellings
- Hear them read
- Times tables practice
- Tell the time (analogue and digital)
- Practise tying shoe laces



# A few reminders...

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- All belongings (e.g. clothing, water bottles) should be labelled with your child's name.
- If your child's home time routine changes, please let us know in writing or inform the office.
- All equipment is provided at school so pencil cases are not required.

# Pupil Premium Funding <sup>c</sup>

- Are your children entitled to pupil premium funding at school ?
- Pupil Premium entitles you to holiday food vouchers and more.

Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also allowed to receive free school meals.

Children under the compulsory school age who are in full time education may also be entitled to receive free school meals.



[General Enquiry /Contact Form - Free School Meals Team](#)



# E-safety

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- E-safety- keeping your children safe on-line at home and at school
- We teach all the children in Year 3 about staying safe on-line. Lots of our children use laptops, phones and tablets at home and are independently using the internet regularly. Remember to look on our newsletters for the recommended e-safety websites for parents- there is lots of fantastic advice and support out there.

If you ever have any concerns, please speak to our DSLs:

- Mrs Hannaway <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>
- Mrs Suchomski <http://www.nspcc.org.uk>
- Mrs Garratt <http://parentinfo.org>
- Mrs Powell

# Attendance

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*At Gig Mill we celebrate positive attendance*

## DFE guidelines 2023

- Expectation of at least 96% attendance
- Threshold for persistent absence
- Term time holidays will not be authorised



‘Pupils learn the phonics they need to be able to read a range of books. Exciting storytelling by teachers develops a love of reading’

# Safeguarding

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- Safeguarding is of the utmost importance so we will only release children to designated adults.
- It is essential that all medical and emergency contact forms are kept up to date.
- Please keep mobile phone numbers up to date for emergency text messaging system.

‘Caring staff make sure that all pupils get the



Thank you for your continued  
support.

Are there any questions?