

Meet the teachers



September 2026

A bit about us

The Year 3 teachers are Mrs Berry, Mrs Gray, Mrs Fitzgerald and Mrs Cuvila with Teacher trainee Mrs Didarally

The children will be familiar with all the Year 3 staff and will have the opportunity to be taught by all of us. Maths-Phonics

Our mission, as Year 3 teachers, is to promote a supportive and safe environment where the children are able to develop confidence in all aspects of school life so they can prepare themselves, as leaders, for the future.

TOPICS

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Maths	Place value and number, Rounding Calculation – mental and written Fact Families, Written addition, Subtraction		Multiplication and division facts Fractions, Time, Decimal numbers		Multiplication and Division, Problem solving with 4 operations, Measures Geometry – 3D shape, Statistics	
English	Instructions- How to catch a dragon Traditional Tales – The True Story of the Three Little Pigs Trip to Library AC	Historical fiction - Inside the pyramid Narrative – The Boy, the Horse, The Mole and The Fox - book Instructions – The Santa Trap	Non-chronological report – Skeletons and Muscles Environmental awareness - The Secret of Black Rock	Poetry – The New Guy- Link to The Secret of Black Rock Narrative - The Blue Umbrella	Adventure story – Stone Age Boy Instructions- How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth	Persuasion – Write a letter – Link to Lee Valley Poetry – Boy who cannot see
Science Taught weekly 5 per year	Animals including humans	Forces and Magnets	Light Stem trip CJ	Science Week	Rocks and fossils	Living things – plants
Geography 2 topics per year	Geography The UK Guided reading link (comp ninjas - UK)	Guided reading link (Reading ex. Loch Ness)		Writing link - recount (Science/RW or History)	Geography Rivers and mountains Trip to Lee Valley JF Writing link – persuasive leaflet	
History 2 topics per year		History Ancient Egypt Workshop link JF Writing link – Tad the Explorer		History Stone Age Workshop in school-VR workshop JB English/reading link (stone Age boy)		
RW Key religions	RW Hinduism	RW Christianity – Christmas	RW Christianity Reading link – miracle story	RW Christianity - Easter Walk to Church trip. AC	RW Hinduism	RW Hinduism Trip to Hindu temple or Hinduism Workshop CG
D&T			Food and nutrition		Photo frames	

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			Spanish paella Reading link – reading and instructions, Spanish link vegetables Writing link			
Art	Artist study – Jean Micheal Basquiat Regular and irregular patterns			Primary, secondary and tertiary colours.		Sketch/plan/draw/reflect To create texture Re-create famous painting Poem -Writing link
Computing 3 per year	Desktop publishing		My online life			Animation and Coding

PSHE Taught weekly	7 Habits Leader in Me Writing link – leadership folder – All about me	7 habits Celebrating Difference	7 habits Healthy Me	7 habits Being me in my world	7 habits Relationships	7 habits Change in me
Spanish	Yo Aprendo Espanol (I'm learning Spanish)		Los animals		Sé (I know how)	
Music		Learn and perform songs		Singing – Sounds of Africa		Reading notation – various lullabies and rhymes

Maths

Is taught in targeted groups

Tailored styles of teaching to suit children

Homework focuses on learning of Times Tables on TTRockstars

TT Rockstars:

Times table will be assigned on there and the website will generate appropriate games.



English - Writing

*Use Jane Considine's scheme – The write Stuff

*We are using a **whole class approach** to build vocabulary and then create sentences. The grammar and punctuation expectations will be in line with the national curriculum.

At the end of each unit, all children will complete an independent piece of writing.

Spellings will be sent home every Thursday in their spelling books to reflect the next week learning. They will then be assessed during Phonics Lesson 3.

Phonics – Children will be placed in targeted groups to revise KS1 phonics and rehearse spellings.



English - Reading



Guided Reading is taught each day. We focus on explicit teaching of reading skills plus aim to help children to develop a love of reading e.g. by recommending authors, genres to widen their reading diet.

Class readers – 10 -15 minutes each day is allocated for the teacher to read aloud to the children a book linked to one of our topics.

Reading homework - we expect children to be reading **daily (Monday-Friday)** to an adult at home and for the adult to sign their reading record. Your child will earn 10 dojo points if they read 5 times a week to an adult at home. If they are not reading at home, they will be supported to do this with an adult in school twice a week.

Behaviour/Consequences

The class teachers in our school have high expectations of the children with regard to behaviour, and they strive to ensure that *all children work to the best of their ability*.

Children are repeatedly *praised* for their good behaviour and work. However, if a child is disrupting others or not following adult instructions, then they will lose minutes/dojos. At their next break, they will reflect on their behaviour for the duration of their minutes.

If a child continues to disrupt the class, then they will be asked to do their work in another classroom. If they refuse to do so, they will be given a reflection.

For more serious incidents, reflections will be issued immediately as per our behaviour policy. Please speak to your class teacher about any behaviour concerns you may have.

Reflection - what happens?

An opportunity for children to have time to think through any choices they have made which might have had a negative impact on someone else.

They will work with a member of staff after they have eaten their lunch and do some targeted work around the issue which arose.

The purpose behind this is to allow them to make better choices in the future and avoid repeat incidents.

We will inform parents if a child will be having a reflection and are always grateful for our supportive parents who follow up at home if needed.

Uniform

By being a pupil at Giles, you are representing the school and therefore need to have the correct uniform.

Uniform:

- Black or grey trousers or skirt
- Black or grey pinafore dress, yellow summer dress
- Yellow or black sweatshirt/cardigan (with or without Giles logo)
- Yellow or black polo shirt (with or without Giles logo)
- Black shoes/boots - we will allow black trainers **but only if** they do not have black school shoes available - no open toed sandals
- Black, grey or white socks

PE kit:

- White and black Giles PE t-shirt / or plain white polo shirt
 - Plain black shorts
 - Black/white socks
- Sports trainers (can be any colour)
 - Black tracksuit bottoms
- Black fleece or sweatshirt (no hood)

No hoodies allowed and long hair needs to be fully tied up at all times. Stud earrings and no other jewellery to be worn please.



Pencil case

- Please provide a pencil, purple biro pen, white board pen and glue stick.
- Only one pencil case.
- No 'toy' look.
- Please label all items.



Our website

If you would like more information about the curriculum, term dates or uniform please refer to our school website:

<https://gilesjm.herts.sch.uk/>



Year 3 Distance Learning Map 2021-2022						
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Maths	Essential Maths					
English	Traditional Tales – Jack and the Beanstalk Instructions	Adventure story – Anansi and Tiger Explanation texts – How beans grow	Traditional Tale – The Magic Paintbrush	Narrative story – Monkeys and Hats	Non-chronological report – All about Witches Narrative story – The Eagle who thought he was a chicken	Persuasion – Buy my honey
Science	Animals including humans	Forces and Magnets		Light	Rocks and fossils	Living things – plants
Geography	Geography The UK				Geography Rivers and mountains	
History		History Ancient Egypt		History Stone Age		
RE		RE Christianity – Christmas	RE Christianity	RE Christianity – Easter	RE Hinduism	RE Hinduism
Key religions						
D&T – food and nutrition				Food and nutrition		
D&T – product			Pneumatics Unable to complete as distance learning			Photo frames Unable to complete as distance learning
Art		Drawing			Painting	Printmaking
Computing	My online life Unable to complete as distance learning		Scratch and Turtle Unable to complete as distance learning			Online detectives Unable to complete as distance learning
PSHE	Me, you and us	All around me	Keeping safe	Eat well, live well	Our world	Money matters
Taught weekly						

Trips

- October- Stevenage Library
- Autumn 2 – Egyptian workshop
- Spring – Stone age school workshop/ VR
- Spring – Walk to St Nicolaus Church (Easter – RW)
- Summer – Lee Valley (Rivers)

Ways to contact us

If you have any questions that you can't find the answers to on the website, then please don't hesitate to speak to your class teacher.

Similarly, if there is something you would like to discuss or resolve, then please speak to your class teacher **first** as they will be the best person to help you.

The best way to contact your teacher is by phoning the office to arrange an appointment, through email or by speaking to them at the door if it's urgent.

acuvila@gilesjm.herts.sch.uk

Questions or feel free to leave when
you are ready.