

Dear Parents and Carers.



We hope your child has settled in well at Wallace Fields Junior School.

Year 3 covers some exciting topics such as:

- **History:** Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age and Romans
- **Geography:** mapping, using an atlas, physical and human geography.
- **Science:** classifying living things, sound, light, electricity and plants
- **Art:** Sketching, pastels, colour mixing, printing, 3D perspective art and mosaics
- **Design & Technology:** packaging, fruit salads and 3D night lights
- **Personal, Social & Health Education:** wellbeing, bullying, internet safety, stranger danger and roles in the community.
- **Sex & Relationship Education:** changes to body, personal space (PANTS rule) and personal hygiene.
- **Faith and Philosophy:** Christianity and Judaism.
- **Computing:** coding, touch typing, internet safety, research and word processing.
- **PE & Games** includes: Football, netball, rugby, hockey, tennis, rounders, cricket, athletics, dance, gymnastics and fitness.

Personal growth In Year 3 we encourage the children to believe in themselves! There is lots to do so the children are encouraged to get involved as well as developing their independence and resilience.

English

Children will be in their classes for English. Teachers will differentiate within the class – setting a variety of challenges. Must haves will be referred to in order to remind children of expectations from Year 2, such as capital letters and full stops.

For more information on our English policy, please go to the English page on our website.

<https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/learning/english>

Spelling

The teaching of spelling will be supported by the online programme 'Spelling Shed' which will be set as weekly homework (which you can complete as 3 x 10 minute slots or a 1 x 30 minute slot.)

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Reading

Wallace Fields promotes reading for pleasure and understanding. At Wallace Fields Junior School, a child needs to read the word correctly and build their understanding of the meaning and the context in which it is used. We will be teaching the children how to select appropriate books by regular visits to the library. We teach Guided Comprehension to develop the children's inference skills and enhance their understanding of different texts.

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Library

We have an excellently stocked library with many books for the children to read and borrow. The children have regular fortnightly library time, where they can browse the shelves and choose two books at a time to take home.

Reading Diaries

Children will have been given a reading diary to record any reading that is done at home in front of an adult. We encourage reading at home and ask that you date and sign each entry. We will give 1 'Dojo point' for reading 3 times a week, 2 dojos for reading 5 times a week and 3 dojos for reading 7+ times a week! This book is also for any quick questions you may wish to ask and is checked once a week, when the children hand them in on a Monday morning, however please make sure the children bring them into school every day as passwords for Mathletics, Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rock Stars will be stuck in the front page.

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Maths

In order to pitch the support at different levels, we group three ways for maths. Some groups have a higher adult to child ratio. For the first few weeks, until we know the children, maths groups will be more fluid. Please do not worry if your child moves groups during the year as they are taught the same curriculum.

For more information, please go to the Maths page on our website.

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Homework

Our homework reinforces topics taught that week in English, maths, science, art, history or geography. Our main project homework is creating a Health and Wellbeing journey in Science, a Geography local area research project and a History design project (tbc).

Weekly Homeworks

- Reading at home at least 3 x per week. This is to be signed by a parent/ carer.
English (30 minutes per week)
Spelling Shed based on the sounds we are teaching (10-15 minutes) 3 x per week.
Maths (30 minutes per week).
- Times Tables Rockstars (10 minutes) 3 x per week **and** 1 Mathletics task per week.

We will be giving the children their login details (stuck in the front of their reading records) and training them how to use these programmes in our computing sessions over the next couple of weeks.

Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rock Stars will be set on a Monday and due in the following Monday.

Mathletics will be set on a Wednesday and due in the following Monday.

Reading Records are due in every Monday which will be checked by the Year 3 team.

PE and Games

We teach a variety of Games including; netball, tennis, football, rugby, hockey, cricket and rounders. In P.E., we teach gymnastics, dance, fitness and athletics. Both classes have their sessions on a Monday and Tuesday and will need to come into school in their PE kit. If there are any children who have earrings, they are responsible for taking them out themselves or advised not to wear them on P.E./Games days. Children will not be allowed to participate in PE if they are wearing earrings for health and safety reasons.

<https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/learning/pe-games>

Stationery

We provide all the stationery that your children will need in a small labelled pencil case, we ask for a contribution towards the cost (see letter sent). The children are responsible for their own equipment, if they lose an item, they can purchase a replacement from the school stationery shop.

Staff Emails

Please note: We will endeavour to respond to our personal emails within 48 hours of receipt, during the working week. These are for messages or information that cannot go through the office or for positive feedback. This includes safeguarding concerns. Please note that we are unable to check **emails sent over the weekend or school holidays**, until returning to work on the Monday. In addition, we are unable to check and respond to emails whilst we are teaching, which is between the hours of **08:45-15:45. Therefore, please email the office regarding pick-up changes.**

If it is an urgent matter, please contact the office and the admin staff will be able to help you.

We have been so impressed by the way the Year 3 children have settled in and taken all the changes in their stride. We also want to thank you for all your support and understanding. We are looking forward to seeing the children flourish this year!

Thank you again for all your understanding and support,

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