

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: Wassily Kandinsky, Georgia O'Keefe, Bridget Riley

Design & Technology: packaging, fruit salad and light up cards

Personal, Social & Health Education: wellbeing, bullying, internet safety, stranger danger and roles in the community.

Sex & Relationship Education: personal body parts and the PANTS rule

Faith and Philosophy: Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

Computing: coding, touch typing, internet safety, research and word processing.

PE & Games includes: Football, netball, basketball, orienteering, 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 retrieval skills, 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. This often happens on a Thursday. There are also opportunities to visit the library at lunch time – children will be informed when the library is open.

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 and maths. We also have 1 topic homework each term which is more project based (linked to French, history and celebrating diversity) alongside weekly homework.

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 (3 x 10-minute games).
- **Maths (40 minutes per week).**
Times Tables Rockstars (10 minutes per week) **and** 1 Mathletics task per week.
- **Handwriting (30 minutes per week).**
Children will receive a handwriting book with set activities in to complete at home.

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.

Handwriting homework will be set on a Wednesday and due the following Monday.

PE and Games

We teach a variety of Games including; netball, tennis, football, basketball, cricket and rounders. In PE, we teach gymnastics, dance, fitness, orienteering 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 PE/ 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 necessary stationery that your children will need in a small labelled pencil case. We ask for a contribution towards the cost (see separate letter sent). The children are responsible for their own equipment - if they lose an item or it runs out, they can purchase a replacement from the school stationery shop. Children are welcome to bring in their own colouring pencils.

Emails

Please note: All emails are to be sent to the school office who will pass emails on to the suitable staff member. Class Dojo is a site we use to reward children's behaviour (you will receive a sign-up link) – it is not a site for parent communication and messages on Class Dojo are not monitored. Please note that we are unable to check **emails sent over the weekend or school holidays**, until returning to work on the Monday.

Thank you for all your support. We are looking forward to seeing the children flourish this year!

Miss Day and Miss Gavin