

# Wendover Church of England Junior School

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Dear Parents

Welcome to Year 3! The staff and children are all enjoying getting to know each other and are looking forward to a very busy and exciting year ahead. This letter has been created to give you some key information regarding routines, dates and events that will be taking place this year.

## The Staff

In Year 3 the class teachers are Mrs Thomas/Miss Mills (3W), Miss Stewart (3C), Mrs Simpson (3J) and Miss Nash (3S). In class, the children will be assisted by Mrs Taylor, Mrs S Williams, Mrs Barker, Mrs Halford, Ms Taswell-Fryer and Mrs Wiggins.

## Expectations

I am sure you will agree that having high expectations for every child is important. At Wendover Junior School we place a great emphasis on behaviour and expect all children to behave exceptionally inside and outside the classroom. We follow the 4Rs: Respect, Responsibility, Reflection and Resilience. The children will be learning about the importance of these values throughout the school year. Children will be rewarded for excellent behaviour through house points, certificates, class links and headteacher awards.

## School Uniform

We ask for all children to wear the specified school uniform every day and they are responsible for wearing it correctly. Children should come to school with a suitable coat to keep them warm and dry for when they go outside to play. In addition, long hair should be tied up in a plain hairband, nail varnish is to be removed and earrings must be plain studs which your child must be able to remove for PE lessons.

## Extended Learning

In Year 3, children will be given spelling and maths extended learning each week on a Wednesday and it should be returned the following Monday. Spelling tests will take place on a Monday. More information will be found at the front of your child's extended learning book. By setting extended learning, we aim to develop independence and organisational skills and we encourage the children to complete tasks to the best of their ability, seeking help from school staff if support is needed.

In addition, we expect children to read on a regular basis. As you are aware, reading books are given out and returned on a Monday. Please ensure the reading log, which can be found at the back of the home/school diary, is filled in every time your child reads and is signed and brought into school on a daily basis. It is extremely helpful if you encourage discussion about the plot, characters and what may happen in the story.

## PE

PE kit should be kept in school at all times. Scheduled PE sessions will be on a Monday and Thursday or Friday, but these can be subject to change, or indeed additional sessions may take place. Please make sure children have appropriate clothing for a change in weather.

**Respect**

**Reflection**

**Responsibility**

**Resilience**

### **Important dates in Year 3**

28 September	Meet the Teacher, 3.40-4.30pm
12 October	Church visit/walking tour of Wendover
5 December	Flu Clinic
13 December	Year 3 Nativity (afternoon)
14 December	Year 3 Nativity (afternoon and evening)
1&2 February	Fossil Man visit
22&23 March	Whipsnade Zoo trip
26 April	3W class assembly
3 May	3C class assembly
10 May	3J class assembly
24 May	3S class assembly
22 June	Roman Day

The Year 3 team are excited to take your children on a new learning journey and hope that they thoroughly enjoy their time at Wendover Junior School. Should you have any queries or concerns please feel free to come and have a chat with us. We can be found at the school gate every morning and most afternoons.

We look forward to seeing you at the 'Meet the Teacher' event soon.

Yours sincerely










**ALEX THOMAS**  
**Year 3 Leader**



## Year 3 Curriculum Overview 2017-18

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Big Picture	<i>Our New School</i>	<i>Our New School Lights, Camel, Action!</i>	<i>The Savage Stone Age</i>	<i>Humans and Animals</i>	<i>Perfect Plants</i>	<i>The Rotten Romans</i>
Dates	28/09 Meet the teacher 03/10 Harvest Festival 12/10 Church visit and walking tour 20/10 End of half term	22/11 Parents Evening 23/11 Parents Evening 1/12 INSET 5/12 Flu Clinic 13/12 Nativity (evening) 14/12 Nativity (afternoon and evening) 19/12 End of term	03/01 INSET TBC Stone Age Day 01/02 Fossil Man 02/02 Fossil Man 09/02 End of half term	22/03 Whipsnade Zoo 23/03 Whipsnade Zoo 29/03 End of term	26/04 3W Class Assembly 03/05 3C Class Assembly 07/05 Bank Holiday 10/05 3J Class Assembly 24/05 3S Class Assembly 25/05 End of half term	22/06 Roman Day 03/07 Move up day 24/07 End of term
English	Traditional tales Poetry Information texts	Instructions Poetry Playscripts	Adventure stories Non-chronological reports Mystery Story writing	Explanation texts Recounts Newspaper report	Explanation texts Persuasive letters Playscripts	Myths and legends Report writing Speech writing
Writing across the curriculum	Non chronological report (Geography/historical figure) Letter writing: Topic	Information text (Geography/British Isles)	Arguments for and against (RE)	Recount (Whipsnade Zoo/Science)	Explanation (Science/plants)	Explanation (Geography/volcanoes) Non-chronological report (History/Romans)
Maths	3.1 Number sense 3.2 Additive reasoning 3.3 Multiplicative reasoning	3.4 Geometric reasoning 3.5 Number sense 3.6 Additive reasoning	3.7 Number sense 3.8 Multiplicative reasoning 3.9 Geometric reasoning	3.10 Number sense 3.11 Additive reasoning Problem solving Investigation	3.11 Additive reasoning 3.12 Number sense Revision	3.13 Multiplicative reasoning 3.14 Geometric reasoning Problem solving Investigation
Science	Forces and magnets	Not covered this term	Rocks and soils	Humans and animals	Plants	Light
Geography	Our local area	Our island home	Not covered this term		Not covered this term	Volcanoes Human and physical geography
History	Wendover CE Junior School Wendover village	The Savage Stone Age		The Rotten Romans		



<b>Art/DT</b> 	Lowry landscape	Cooking Christmas tree decorations	Stone Age art	20 famous paintings	Art skills: shading, perspective, scale	Textiles: Roman bag, shields, mosaics
<b>PE</b> 	Gymnastics Games		Dance Games		Athletics Tennis	Athletics Rounders
<b>PSHE</b> 	Our happy school	Out and about	Looking forward	My friends and family	Healthy bodies, healthy minds	Ready, steady, go
<b>RE</b> 	Do Christians have to take communion?	Is light a good symbol for celebration?	Is a Jewish child free to choose their beliefs?	Does Easter make sense without Passover?	Does Jesus have the authority for everyone?	Can made up stories tell the truth?
<b>Computing</b> 	Word processing skills E-safety	E-safety PowerPoint	Coding Lightbot	Coding Junior Scratch	Presenting information with tablets	E-safety Book Creator Presenting information with tablets
<b>Music</b> 	Controlling sounds through singing and playing	Controlling sounds through singing and playing	Responding and reviewing – appraising skills	Controlling sounds through singing and playing	Creating and developing musical ideas – composing skills	Creating and developing musical ideas – composing skills
<b>Spanish</b> 	Spanish Culture Greetings All about me	Spanish Culture Greetings All about me	Numbers Days Months Animals	Numbers Days Months Animals	Colours Classroom objects Parts of the body	Colours Classroom objects Parts of the body