Welcome to Year 3

Woodpeckers

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This presentation will give you some useful information about Year 3 for this term and the year ahead.

Should you have any questions or queries, please either speak to me at drop off /pick up, email me at reception@wildmoorheath.org.uk or leave a message with the office.

The Year 3 Team

Miss McInally
Class TA

Miss Lewis
Class Teacher

Morning Routines

Children should arrive between 8:35am and 8:45am. They will complete a morning activity to settle them ready for the day. This may be times tables, handwriting, spellings etc.

Children need to bring a healthy snack for playtime – they do not get fruit like they did in the infants.

Please ensure all children have a labelled water bottle.

Transition from Infants to Juniors

As the children are now in the Juniors, we will be developing their independence skills. Children will take more responsibility for their belongings and ensuring they have everything they need.

Year 3 Curriculum – Themes

Autumn Term – Local Area History and Geography
Spring Term – Stone Age
Summer Term – Bronze Age, Iron Age and Celts

Year 3 Curriculum

English, Maths and Reading are taught daily through structured lessons.

Reading books will be changed as and when children finish them. We ask that you have the book for at least 2 nights before the book is changed.

There is an emphasis on vocabulary and speaking and listening skills which will be used in all areas of the curriculum.

Year 3 Timetable Autumn 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.40	**Morning work** – handwriting tasks, spelling tasks, times tables etc.				
9.00	Spelling/Phonics	Spelling Test/ Times Tables Test	Spelling/Phonics	Spelling/Phonics	Spelling/Phonics
9.30	English	English	English	English	Maths
9.45					
10.30	**Morning Break**				
10.45	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	Fluency
11.10	Fluency	Fluency	Fluency	Fluency	Science
11.20	PSHE/Library	Maths	Maths	Maths	
12.15	**Lunch Break**				
1.15	Registration/Handwriting	Registration/Handwriting	Registration/Handwriting	Registration/Handwriting	Registration/Handwriting
1.30	PSHE/Library	Music	Computing	PE – Outdoor	Art
2.15	RE	History/Geography	2pm PE - Indoor	French	
2.50	**Assembly**	**Assembly**	**Class Assembly**	**Singing Assembly**	**Celebration Assembly**

PE

- PE lessons are on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Indoor PE – Wednesday
- Outdoor PE – Thursday

- Please ensure that children have a PE kit in school at all times containing clothing relevant to the weather. Tracksuit bottoms and a jumper are essential during the winter months as we will be going outside for PE whatever the weather.
- Children will need a pair of named trainers in their PE kit bag at all times.
- No jewellery allowed during PE lessons. Children either need to come into school without jewellery or be able to remove them themselves.

School Bags

- Small school bag for their spelling book, reading record, lunchbox (if relevant), one healthy snack and water bottle.

- Please do not send in any personal items from home such as toys or pencil cases, all resources will be provided for the children.
- Please ensure that your child has a change of outdoor shoes (wellies/trainers) and a waterproof jacket in school everyday, a fold away pack-a-mac that can stay in their locker all year would be ideal.
- Please ensure that all clothing is **clearly named**.

Home Folder

Current reading book- changed when finished.

- Sound mat containing all the sounds we have taught
- Common exception words
- Number bonds
- Please feel free to use them to support your child at home
- Please ensure they are kept in your child's folder as we can use them at school too

Home Learning

In Year 3, it is expected that children:

- Read daily. Every child will bring home a reading book. Please log all reading on BoomReader.
- Practise times tables – We will have a times tables test on a **Tuesday**. We start with recapping the 2,5 and 10 from KS1 and move onto the 3,4 and 8
- Spellings on Spelling Shed or in their spelling books (spellings will be set on a **Tuesday** for testing the following **Tuesday**)

How to help at home

- Encourage speaking and listening skills.
- Share lots of books and encourage children to read daily.
- Let your child see you reading, writing and doing maths – can they help you with a shopping list and work out the change for something you buy?
- Spelling - common exception words from the Year 3 and 4 spelling lists.
- Practise recognising and writing numbers to 100 and recalling number bonds.

Bookopoly is a reading for pleasure system we use in KS2.

When children are at a certain reading level, they will be able to play bookopoly. Children choose a book from the bookopoly trolley, take it home to read and return it when finished with a completed book review sheet. The idea is to see how many books children can read throughout the year,

Useful Information

- Children will need a water bottle (filled with water only) and a coat every day.
- Please **name** all items of clothing.
- Our Library session is on a **Monday**

Trips/Visits/Experiences

Heath Walks – throughout the year.

Sleepover – Spring Term (information will follow closer to the time)

Swimming – Summer Term (information will follow closer to the time)

Our first Heath walk is on Friday 3rd October, leaving school at 9am and returning by lunchtime.

If you are able to help us out on this trip, please let me know. We require a minimum number of adults for our risk assessment.

From the eco-team: We need your help! Our aim is to eliminate the plastic waste found littered on our school playground, field and in our green spaces. We want everyone at Wildmoor Heath to take pride in our beautiful school grounds and to take environmental responsibility. We have a few requests…

Breaktime Snacks

- All break time snacks must be plastic free and healthy (fruit and veg are ideal, no nuts)
- Single use plastic wrappers are not allowed on our playground or in our green spaces
- Please unpackage any plastic wrapped items at home & bring item in a labelled pot
- Items intended for lunch eg: packets of crisps are not allowed out at break time and must be eaten indoor at lunchtime.

Lunchboxes

- Our aim is to minimise single use plastic for lunches where possible
- Any plastic brought into school will be taken home to be disposed of
- Consider plastic free zero waste alternatives for lunch box items…
- Please keep lunches nut free

Take a look online for ideas, a good starting place: www.asustainableli lunchbox-ideas/

Thank you for your support!

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Forest School

Forest School is an exciting, outdoor, child-led experience that builds confidence, curiosity, and a deep connection with nature. Sessions take place all year round on our beautiful site, Wildwood. Here, our children are encouraged to explore, build, discover, play freely, taking supported risks.

Forest School helps develop children’s resilience, independence, teamwork, and problem-solving skills through hands-on activities such as den building, fire lighting, woodwork, and nature crafts. Children are given the freedom to follow their interests, spark their imagination, and learn news things at their own pace away from the classroom environment. Skills are nurtured and developed over a six-year Forest School journey at Wildmoor.

Children learn to observe the changing seasons, care for living things and improve their knowledge and understanding of plants and animals. They truly connect with the natural world around them. Each session is a new adventure!

Key Information

- Sessions led by forest school & first aid trained staff Mrs Guy, Mr Jackson, with class TA
- 5x two-hour sessions (class split in to am and pm group)
- Takes place in nearly all weather - waterproofs must be in school
- Children’s arms and legs and arms should be fully covered to take part
- Communication about dates nearer the time (always a Thursday)
- Forest school agreement to be signed in advance (shared before sessions start)
- The children's experiences of sessions within one day (am and pm group) may vary as content often depends on the ideas and interests of the group
- Sometimes sessions involve food cooked on the fire we check allergies and dietary requirements on school records ahead of these sessions. Please let us know if there are any changes. Thank you!

Forest School Timetable 2025-2026

Autumn 1	Year 5
Autumn 2	Year 6
Spring 1	Year 3
Spring 2	Year 2
Summer 1	Year 4
Summer 2	Year 1

Blocks of sessions rotate each year for all classes so the children will have experienced Wildwood in all seasons (and all weather!) by the time they leave Wildmoor.

Communication

- Please ensure the office has your up to date contact details so you can receive communications from school.
- I will be on the gate most days and available after school.
- Make an appointment via the office
- Please feel free to contact us via email reception@wildmoorheath.org.uk.

Thank you for coming!