

Aston Clinton School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3 and the beginning of an exciting new chapter in Key Stage 2. As children move into the junior years, they are encouraged to develop greater independence, resilience and responsibility whilst continuing to grow in confidence as learners and members of our school community.

As part of our Global Citizen Curriculum, Year 3 pupils begin their journey as **"Enthusiastic Me"** learners. Throughout the year, children are encouraged to set goals, embrace challenge and recognise that mistakes are an important part of learning. We want every child to develop a positive attitude towards learning, become increasingly confident in their abilities and understand how they can make a positive contribution to those around them.

The Year 3 curriculum is enriched through a wide range of memorable experiences designed to inspire curiosity and bring learning to life. Throughout the year, pupils will explore the Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman Britain, whilst developing their creativity through Djembe drumming and Ukulele lessons. Children will also take part in **STEM Week, Theatre Week, World Book Day, Sports Week, Roman Day and a visit to Waddesdon Manor**, alongside many other exciting enrichment opportunities. These experiences help children develop confidence, creativity and a love of learning whilst broadening their understanding of the world around them.

As pupils move through Year 3, they are encouraged to take increasing responsibility within the school community. Through their Aston Passports, children begin to recognise how they can support others and make a positive contribution to school life. Opportunities to collaborate, lead within groups and contribute to the community help children develop important communication, teamwork and citizenship skills.

At Aston Clinton School, we are proud to be a **smartphone-free school**. Whilst we teach children to be responsible digital citizens, we believe that childhood should be rich in play, exploration, creativity and real-world experiences. Through our Aston Passports, Outdoor Learning programme and Forest



School opportunities, children are encouraged to engage with the outdoors, challenge themselves and develop practical skills that build resilience, confidence and independence.

Our approach to behaviour and personal development is rooted in belonging, relationships and emotional wellbeing. We know that children learn best when they feel safe, valued and understood.

Throughout the year, pupils continue to develop key life skills through our whole-school personal development themes:

- **Autumn 1:** Aiming High
- **Autumn 2:** Speaking and Listening
- **Spring 1:** Teamwork
- **Spring 2:** Others
- **Summer 1:** Nurture
- **Summer 2:** Changes

These themes help children develop ambition, communication skills, empathy, resilience and self-regulation whilst supporting their transition into the expectations and opportunities of Key Stage 2. During the summer term, we help pupils prepare for Year 4 through opportunities to reflect on their achievements, celebrate their successes and approach change with confidence and enthusiasm.

Year 3 is a year of discovery, challenge and opportunity. Through our Global Citizen Curriculum, Aston Passports, enrichment experiences and strong pastoral support, we aim to help every child develop the confidence to **Aspire**, the compassion to **Care** and the determination to **Succeed**.

We look forward to working closely with you throughout the year and celebrating the many successes and achievements that lie ahead.

Kind regards,

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