

**THE SECRETS OF GRINDLEWOOD – BOOK 3**  
**TEACHERS' NOTES FOR THIRD & FOURTH CLASSES**  
**CLASS WORKSHEET 1 – CHAPTERS 1- 8**

**FACT FILE: THE FOREST QUEEN**

The Forest Queen is the leader of the Wandeleis, a peace-loving magical clan. Many years ago she was cursed by Worfagus, the Warmonger, leader of the Worfagons. All the queen's professors and fairies failed to find a counter spell to the curse, and time is now running out before they must renew their magic. The Wandeleis need help from the residents of Grindlewood, before their magic fails, their secrets are discovered and their queen's fifty-year rule ends without her naming a successor. First, the queen insists, they must recover their lost Book of Magic, *the WABOM*.

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**READ AND WRITE**

What would you expect to find in secret tunnels?

Explain what you think the eagle is up to.

Why did the queen put a magical collar on Timber?

Describe each of the treasures and what they can do.

**LET'S DRAW!**

The Forest Queen, stuck in the ground, growing like a tree

Each of the treasures

The tunnels and the queen's chamber

Professor Pendrick

**CREATE YOUR OWN STORIES**

Write a story about finding secret tunnels, where they lead and what you find.

Write a story about a magical collar. Is the magic good or evil? What is it for?

Who wears it, and where did they find it?

Write a story about the dwarfs, Jugjaw and Bushfire, and how they came to dig such a huge network of tunnels in their search for gold.

## **BOOK 3 – CLASS WORKSHEET 2 – Chapters - 9-16**

### **FACT FILE: THE WANDELEIS' ANCIENT BOOK OF MAGIC**

The WABOM, for short, is a huge collection of magical information. It contains among other curious things, a wealth of spells, potions and defenses against dark magic. It is a complete history of all the ancient magic of the Wandeleis, passed down from queen to queen throughout time. It is beautifully adorned with inscriptions, diagrams and illustrious artwork, all bound in the most beautiful leather cover with intricate gold lettering. The one great book is made up of four books: *The Book of Potions & Spells*, *The Book of Wisdom*, *The Book of Light* and *the Book of Darkness*. The WABOM has other special uses too...

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### **READ AND WRITE**

Describe the *Book of Potions and Spells*, and explain what sort of magic it might contain.

Describe the *Book of Light*, and explain what sort of magic it might hold.

Explain what Abigail's granddad has been doing in secret for many years.

Describe the Allnutts' cellar.

Why is Halloween so important to magical people?

### **LET'S DRAW!**

Sebastian Stag in the Eastern Woods

The Invisibility Chest

The Crabbage Crones on their broomsticks

Jamie's sword and Luke's bow and arrows

Timber sitting at the foot of the Forest Queen

### **CREATE YOUR OWN STORES**

Write a story about travelling through time or to another dimension.

Write a story about a magical book. Who owns it? Where was it found? What sort of magic can it do?

Write a story about evil witches trying to escape their horrid prison. Why are they there? Who will stop them escaping?

## BOOK 3 – CLASS WORKSHEET 3 – Chapters - 17-26

### **FACT FILE: PENDRICK, FLINT AND SPARKS**

These three senior wizards (known as the professors) are extremely loyal to the Wandelei Queen. They are her special advisors and she trusts them completely. Each one has a special talent: Pendrick is extremely smart; Sparks is an extraordinary inventor; Flint is an expert in potions and spells. They carry out the queen's wishes, advise her on difficult matters and organise the running of the bustling magical community in Hollow Hill.

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### **READ AND WRITE**

What is a traitor? Who do you think it could be?

Why would someone want *a few pages* from the WABOM?

What does the eagle want from the Book of Wisdom?

Where did Bodric and Audmund go, and how did they disappear?

Why was the Forest Queen so cross with the children?

### **LET'S DRAW!**

Jamie and Timber alone on the rocks, trying to fight the crones

The dragon butterflies

Bodric Buzzard and the metal hawks

Grizzle, the dwarf-troll

The Lord and Lady of the Light

### **CREATE YOUR OWN STORES**

Write a story about how children and animals found something important in caves. What was it? Why was it important? Why were they suddenly in danger?

Write a story about seven magical gemstones and what they could do. How would you use them?

Write a story about discovering that you can do magic, like Abigail. What is it like? Are you excited, nervous, scared? How did it happen?