

Year 3 Information for Parents 2023-2024



Staff in Year 3



Mr Robson



Ash Class

Miss Milazzo



Mrs Noonan

Wed/Thurs/Fri



Mr Young

Mon/Tues

Curriculum coverage for Autumn term

Here are the topics we will cover in Autumn term. Later on in the year, you will be sent one for Spring and Summer term. Please feel free to do some extra learning about our topics!

Autumn

3 Ash and Whitebeam

English

In Autumn we will be focusing on 'fairy tales' by using the narrative 'The Paper Bag Princess' and we will be report writing using 'Dr Xargle's Earth Hounds' book. Our purpose for writing in autumn is writing to entertain.

Maths

In Maths we will be covering the following topics: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Division.

Science

In Science we will be working scientifically towards our 'Nappy Challenge' unit. In Autumn 2, we will be learning about Rocks, Soils and Fossils.

RE

In RE we will be discussing What do Christians learn from the Creation story? How do Hindus celebrate Diwali? We will describe, make connections and reflect on how celebrations and key moments in life are marked.

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Values

The value for the first half of term = ? The value for the second half of term = ?

History

In History, we will be exploring the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

Geography

In Geography we will be discovering the key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts.

Spanish

Our Spanish topics are Aprendo Espanol (I am learning to speak Spanish) and Las Estaciones (Seasons).

Music

In Autumn 1 we will be creating compositions in response to an animation. In Autumn 2, we will be learning about Ballads.

Art

Our topic is Painting and Mixed Media. We will be creating Prehistoric Art.

DT

In DT we will be discovering how mechanical systems work and create a pneumatic toy.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be learning about 'Being Me' and 'Celebrating Differences'.

PE

Throughout Autumn Term the children will learn how to swim confidently and work on their athletic skills with the help of Watford FC Community Sports & Education Trust.

Computing

In computing, the children will develop their understanding of how digital images can be edited. They will consider the impact that editing images can have, and evaluate the effectiveness of their choices. In Autumn 2 children will be creating media focusing on animation.

Homework

In Year 3 children are expected to:
Read daily; Parents record in Reading record
Practise and complete weekly spellings;
Half an hour per week TTRockstars;

For more info, scan this QR code!

Morgans School

"Nurturing Life-Long Learning"

Drop off

- Gates open 8.35 am
- Nursery - 8.30 am to Nursery entrance
- Reception 8.45 am to Reception entrance
- Y1 and Y2 to enter Mandeville Hall entrance at 8.50 am
- Y3 - Y4 children line up on the Tree House playground by 8.45 am
- Y5 - Y6 children line up on the "Bus" playground by 8.45 am



Teachers and support staff will lead classes into their classrooms promptly at 8.50 am after whistle blows

Children arriving after 8.45 (KS2) 8.50 (KS1) will need to sign in at the Office

Pick up

Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 should be collected at 3.15 pm from their classroom door.

Children in Key Stage 2 should be collected at 3.20 pm from their respective playgrounds.

If your child is getting picked up from a family member or friend, please let your class teacher know by mouth or via an email. Usually parents give the teacher a password that the person picking up would need to say.



Communications



We will be using ParentMail and Seesaw to send messages. If you have any emails for teachers, they must be sent via admin@morgans.herts.sch.uk marked for the attention of your class teacher. **You have been sent a Family Invite link which you as parents will use to log into Seesaw to view your child's journal.**

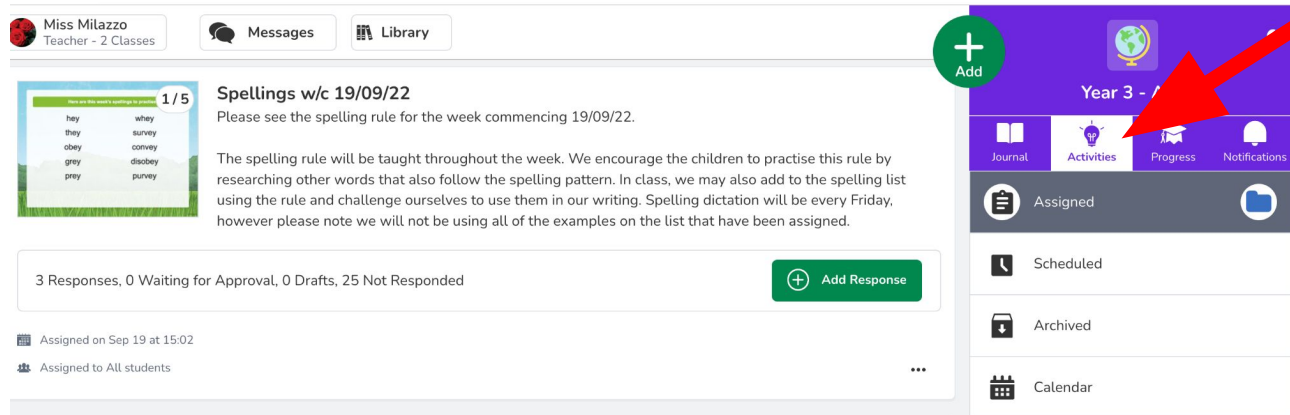
At the back of your child's reading record they will have their own unique QR code which **only your child will use to log in** to upload work in class AND to view and practise spellings at home. You must download the Seesaw app to scan the code, if you use your phone camera, it will not work. **Please do not send messages on Seesaw using your child's log in, parents should log in using their own login by clicking on Family Invite Link.**

If you have any issues, please contact Mrs Taylor and she will assist you.

Spellings

Spellings will be assigned on Seesaw. You will find your child's spellings under 'Activities'. Please practise daily with your children to ensure they are confident with the spelling rules. At the end of each half term, we will have a class test and the children will be expected to know the spelling rules that we have covered so far.

We may have differentiated spellings where some children will have common exception spellings to help fill gaps. Common exception words are words where the usual spelling rule doesn't apply. As children come across unfamiliar spelling and sound patterns in tricky words, their phonics knowledge won't always help them to sound out and read the word; such as the common exception words "sugar", "improve", "climb" and "because".



The screenshot displays the Seesaw app interface. At the top, there's a header with 'Miss Milazzo Teacher - 2 Classes', 'Messages', and 'Library' icons. The main content area shows a spelling assignment titled 'Spellings w/c 19/09/22' with a subtext 'Please see the spelling rule for the week commencing 19/09/22.' Below this, a list of words is shown: hey, they, obey, grey, prey, whey, survey, convey, disobey, purvey. A green button labeled 'Add Response' is visible. At the bottom, it states '3 Responses, 0 Waiting for Approval, 0 Drafts, 25 Not Responded'. On the right side, a purple sidebar menu is open, showing options like 'Journal', 'Activities', 'Progress', and 'Notifications'. A red arrow points to the 'Activities' icon. Below the menu, there are sections for 'Assigned', 'Scheduled', 'Archived', and 'Calendar'.

Miss Milazzo
Teacher - 2 Classes

Messages Library

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Spellings w/c 19/09/22
Please see the spelling rule for the week commencing 19/09/22.

The spelling rule will be taught throughout the week. We encourage the children to practise this rule by researching other words that also follow the spelling pattern. In class, we may also add to the spelling list using the rule and challenge ourselves to use them in our writing. Spelling dictation will be every Friday, however please note we will not be using all of the examples on the list that have been assigned.

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Assigned on Sep 19 at 15:02
Assigned to All students

Year 3 -

Journal Activities Progress Notifications

Assigned

Scheduled

Archived

Calendar

Expectations at home:



We require you to practise spellings, times tables and to read with your child daily.

In Year 4, the children will sit an online government Multiplication test. They will be required to know ALL of their times tables. At the back of your child's reading record is their TTRockstars log in.

For your information, in Year 3 children are expected to know their 3x, 4x, 8x and be able to count in steps of 50. These are the times tables that you should focus on at home.

Please sign your child's reading record each time you read with them. We expect you to read 3-5 times a week and this should be recorded by an adult. In KS2 children do not read as much 1-1 with an adult. However we will be doing whole class reading sessions daily.

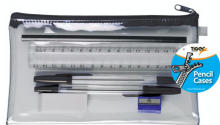


Equipment/Uniform expectations

Please familiarise yourself with the uniform policy.

In Key Stage 2 (Y3- Y6) every child will need to bring in a small pencil case with the following stationery. Please name items where possible.

- 2x black pens for handwriting (Berol preferable) but not biro
- HB pencils
- Colouring pencils
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Highlighters (2-3 are sufficient)



4. Expectations for school uniform

4.1 Our school uniform

The following items are part of our **essential** school uniform:

Navy blue v-necked jumper/sweatshirt or cardigan. Hoodies are not permitted

Light blue polo shirt

Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress

Light blue, round neck PE t-shirt

Plain navy blue PE shorts (not cycling shorts)

PE trainers (velcro unless pupil can tie laces)

Black school shoes - trainers, boots, sandals or shoes with heels are not permitted

Black/grey/white socks or tights

Optional school uniform

- Navy blue jumper/cardigan with school logo
- Light blue PE t-shirt with school logo
- Plain (not branded) navy blue joggers/tracksuit for PE during winter months
- Light blue gingham summer dresses during summer term (until Autumn half term)

There are no restrictions on the colour of school coats

School bags/rucksacks should be large enough to carry school equipment e.g. reading book, pencil case, jotter, packed lunch and water bottle

Jewellery is not permitted unless it is worn for religious reasons. Pupils with pierced ears may wear small stud earrings only. Earrings must be removed for PE/sports activities

Smartwatches/Fitbits are not permitted

Long hair (shoulder length or longer) must be tied back at all times

Small hair accessories must be navy blue, black or brown

Nail varnish is not permitted.

Haircuts should be appropriate for school

Your child should bring into school the following things daily:

- Water bottle
- Small pencil case (can be left in school)
- Reading book and Reading Record (children should be reading 3-5 times a week and an adult should sign to confirm this)
- PE kit/Apron or old Tshirt for Art/DT (can be left in school)
- Children are encouraged to bring in a snack for breaktime.

Break/lunch time



- In KS2 children may bring in fruit or vegetables for a break time snack. All snacks and packed lunches should be healthy and not contain fizzy drinks, chocolate or crisps. We would also encourage you to go to the following website for ideas on healthy packed lunches:

<http://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

- As a nut free school, please ensure there are no items that contain nuts, including peanut butter, Nutella and some cereal bars, etc.
- Grapes and sausages can present a choking hazard for children, please cut these in half.



Medical

If your child suffers from asthma, allergies or any other condition, this information should be sent via email to the school office and we will add this to the school records on Arbor and the class teacher will be notified.

Medicines are not allowed in school unless prescribed and have to be given over a prolonged period when a medicines form must be completed for school to administer.

Asthma inhalers and epipens must be kept in school and dates checked half termly.

Please ensure these are handed to the class teacher or school office.



PE days for Year 3

These are the Year 3 PE days. They may change next term but we will let you know if this is the case. Please ensure your child's PE kit is fully named and they have the correct items. If they forget their PE kit, they will still be expected to join in the lesson.

- Wednesday (swimming)
- Friday

Swimming

Swimming will commence in the **Autumn term 13th September - 13th December**. We will be walking to Simon Balle swimming pool every Wednesday afternoon.

- Ash class will leave at 12:50 to arrive in time for their lesson, which will take place from 1:30 to 2:00.
- Whitebeam class will leave at 1:30 to allow enough time for changing and their swimming lesson will be from 2:00 to 2:30.

We would greatly appreciate any parents or carers who are willing to volunteer as helpers to accompany the students to and from the swimming pool. While it would be ideal to have the same adult each week, we understand the commitment involved and welcome any assistance. Please note that for safeguarding reasons, adult helpers will be unable to enter the swimming pool area to watch the lessons.

For the swimming sessions, we kindly request that each child brings a separate bag containing the following items:

- Swimming costume (no bikinis) or trunks
- Named towel
- Goggles
- Hat (optional)
- Hooded towels are allowed if the children prefer changing underneath them.
- Tops can be worn if they feel more comfortable while swimming.



Upcoming trips - Provisional

Here are the trips that we have historically attended in Year 3. We cannot give you exact dates until we have confirmed bookings of the trip however these are the terms they fall on. We would love to have parent volunteers for trips to help our day run smoothly. When we send out emails with more information, please speak to the class teacher if you would like to volunteer. Once we have a list of names, adults will be selected at random and you will be informed.

<u>Autumn Term</u>	<u>Spring Term</u>	<u>Summer Term</u>
Swimming - 13th Sept - 13th Dec	History Off The Page Egyptian Workshop - TBC	Paradise Wildlife Park (+ workshop) - TBC
Christingle - 15th Dec at All Saints Church (afternoon)		Class Assembly - Summer 1
Celtic Harmony Camp - TBC		

Questions

