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# MORTIMER PRIMARY SCHOOL

## TRANSITION TO YEAR 3 2024-2025

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# Welcome

Mortimer Primary School continues to be a place where you will always be welcome, where teachers and parents can work together to help and encourage, give security and support to their children.

We hope the following information will ease the transition from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 for you and your child. Many of the routines and procedures remain the same, however, there are some changes which we have outlined for you.

## **Session Times**

Morning: 8.50 am - 12 noon

Afternoon: 1.10 pm - 3.25pm

We ask that you please make sure that children are in the yard between 8.40 and 8.50 am. There will be a member of staff at the KS2 gate from around 8:30am. Children going home at lunchtime need to be collected at 12:00 and should return when the gate opens at 1.00 pm.

## **Teaching Staff**

Mrs Allan - 3KA

Miss Bays & Mrs Keighery - 3KB

Mrs Lawrenson - 3KL





# Curriculum

## Reading

Children will bring home a book from the reading scheme every Friday to be read with an adult. They also have a reading record to be completed by an adult at home. Library books will be changed regularly as part of our reading-for-pleasure sessions. Additionally, children will be heard reading in class as part of our English lessons. Some children will receive additional structured support with an adult, who will work with your child on fluency and comprehension.

## Mathematics

The emphasis will be to increase fluency with all four operations and secure the concept of place value up to at least 1000. The children will develop efficient mental and written methods in order to perform accurate calculations with increasingly large numbers. They will develop problem solving skills, using all four operations and fractions.

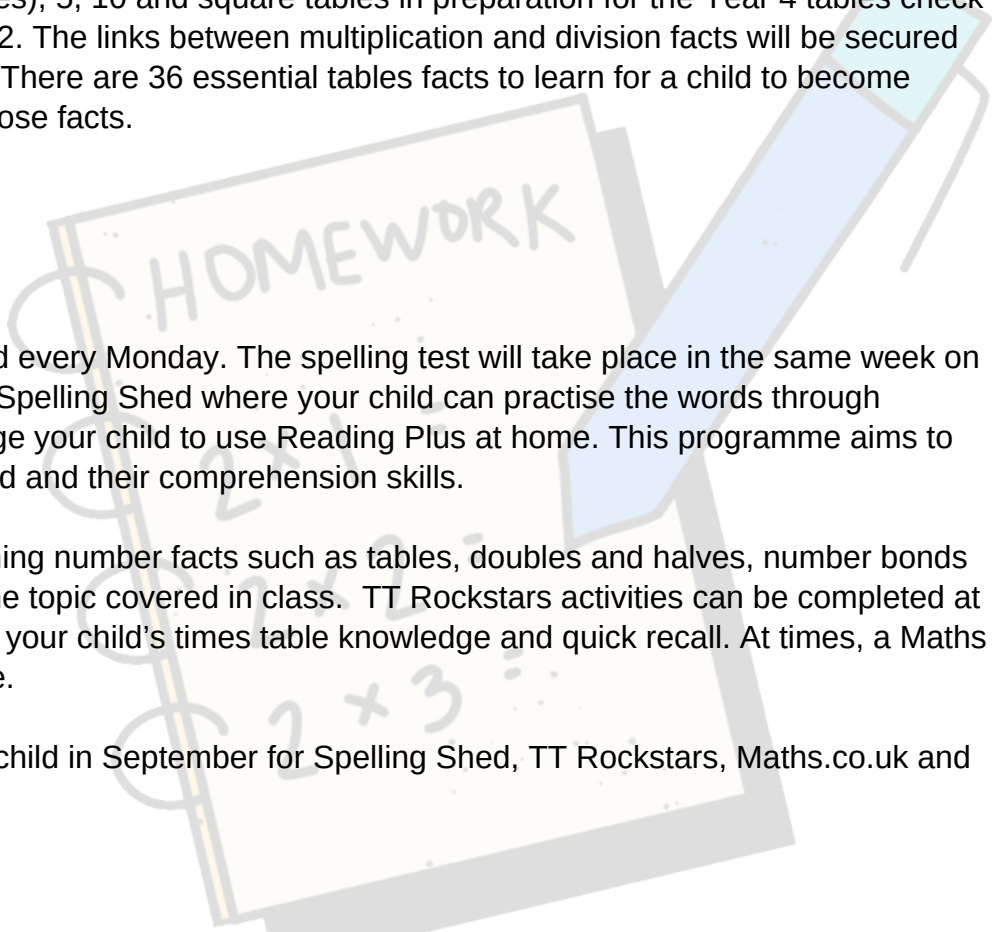
By the end of Year 3, children should have a secure knowledge and rapid recall of times table facts - 2 (and also understand this as doubles), 5, 10 and square tables in preparation for the Year 4 tables check which covers all tables from 2 to 12. The links between multiplication and division facts will be secured alongside each tables fact taught. There are 36 essential tables facts to learn for a child to become fluent, These tables cover 21 of those facts.

## Homework

Spellings will be given to your child every Monday. The spelling test will take place in the same week on Friday. Spellings are available on Spelling Shed where your child can practise the words through games. We also strongly encourage your child to use Reading Plus at home. This programme aims to increase your child's reading speed and their comprehension skills.

Maths homework focuses on learning number facts such as tables, doubles and halves, number bonds to 20 and to 100 and reinforcing the topic covered in class. TT Rockstars activities can be completed at home which is aimed at improving your child's times table knowledge and quick recall. At times, a Maths homework sheet will be sent home.

Login details will be given to your child in September for Spelling Shed, TT Rockstars, Maths.co.uk and Reading Plus.





## PE

Children will have one indoor PE lesson and one outdoor games lesson each week. They will need PE kit for both indoors and outdoors which, ideally, should be kept in school. Teachers generally send the kits home at the end of each half term.

Indoor P.E. – White or House T shirt (\*see note below), navy blue or black shorts, navy blue or black leotard and plimsolls.

Outdoor P.E. – White or House T shirt (\*see note below), tracksuit or jogging bottoms and top, trainers. Your child will do outdoor P.E. during the Winter so please ensure they have warm clothing with them.

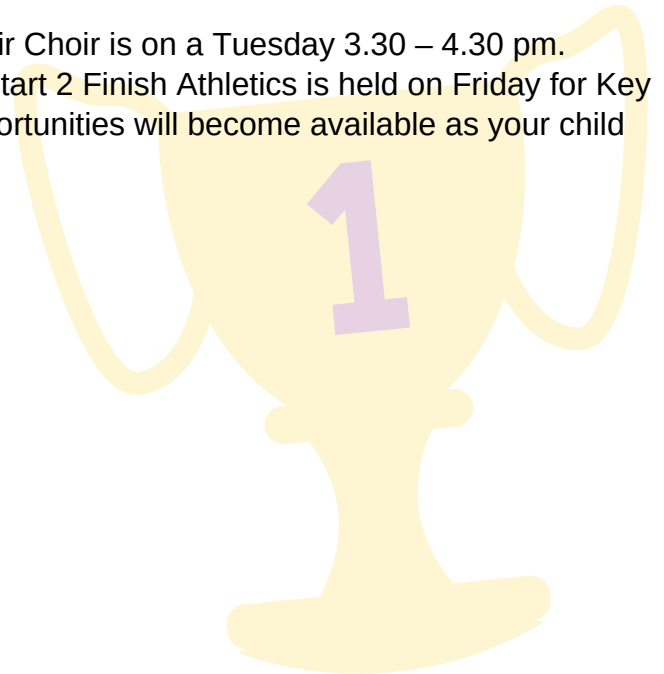
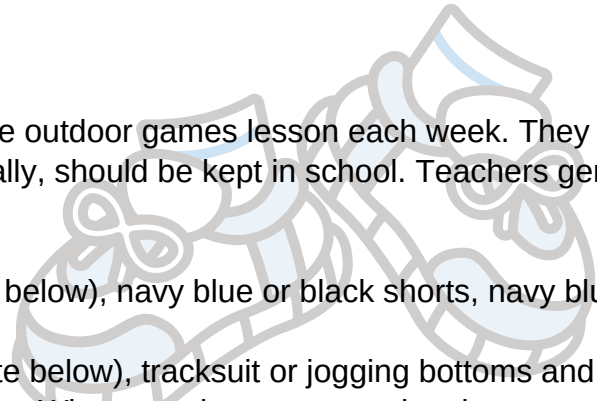
All PE kit should be clearly labelled with your child's name or initials. Each class will have one swimming lesson a week for around 6 weeks (usually in the Spring Term) which replaces one of the normal P.E. lessons. All earrings must be removed before all P.E. and swimming lessons. If any child is thinking about having their ears pierced, can we recommend they have them done at the start of the 6 week holidays, to give them time to heal. Staff cannot remove your child's earrings nor can we stick plasters/covers over them.

\*Note: House t-shirts are bought in by the school once each year in July, in the four house colours. These should be ordered by Wednesday 17th July 2024.

1. Fill in the Google Form from the school website.
2. Log into ParentPay to pay for your order.

## Extra-curricular activities

Children have the opportunity of joining the school choir Choir is on a Tuesday 3.30 – 4.30 pm. Children must be collected at the end of the session. Start 2 Finish Athletics is held on Friday for Key Stage 2 children and begins at 3:30pm. Additional opportunities will become available as your child moves through the key stage.





## **House System**

There are four houses in the system:

- Beech (red)
- Oak (green)
- Birch (yellow)
- Willow (blue)

The children are placed in the same house as older brothers and sisters where applicable. House points are awarded on a regular basis to children who achieve in lessons or show effort and in other areas such as attitude, kindness and consideration. The children tally these Housepoints on an individual record sheet and as a class. Once their sheet is completed, your child will receive a certificate. The points collated in class, are collected each week and the House with the most points at the end of each month will be celebrated in House Assembly and awarded some additional playtime.

## **Backpacks and Water Bottles**

We respectfully ask that backpacks and pencil cases are not brought to school. Limited storage space means they often end up on the floor causing problems in the cloakrooms and corridors. The children will be given all the equipment they need.

Book bags are recommended for carrying books and papers. These are available from the School Office (£3.50) or from Initial Images, Rekendyke Industrial Estate, South Shields.

Water bottles can also be purchased at the school office for £1.50. As we are an award-winning Healthy School, we kindly ask that you send your child with still water and not juice or fizzy drinks. We also ask that water bottles have a sports cap on to prevent spillages.

## **School Meals and Milk**

Now that your child has moved into KS2, you will need to pay for school dinners. The cost at this time is £2.20 per day (£11.00 per week). Meals are pre-booked and paid for via ParentPay, an online system for ordering school meals. Lunches need to be booked by a deadline (which is the Sunday 10.00pm two weeks in advance of the week you are booking). You may book lunches in advance, a few weeks at a time or for the full half term. If the deadline is missed, you may contact the school office who can offer a sandwich selection only (hot meals have to be booked in advance of deadline). If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals through receipt of benefits, please call into the office for an application form. Parents currently in receipt of Free School Meals still need to book their child's meals through ParentPay.

Milk is £9.10 per term and must be paid during the first week of each new term.

We feel confident that your child will be as happy in Key Stage 2 as they are in Key Stage 1. However, if you have any cause for concern please come in and talk to us about it.

# Questions?

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