

**Welcome to
Skylarks' Class**

(Year 3)

2024-2025



Routines and Expectations

Now that the children are in Year 3, there are some changes to their daily routine.

- Walking into class independently
- Sorting out school bag - reading book
water bottle
lunch box
letters
- Bring their own fruit snack to school
- Looking after their school uniform (please make sure everything is named so that it can be returned to the correct owner! The 'Lost Property' bin is located just outside Kingfishers' classroom.)



Curriculum Overview

TERM 1		TERM 2		TERM 3		TERM 4		TERM 5		TERM 6	
Stone Age to Iron Age		Frozen		Robots		Extreme Earth		Ancient Egypt		Ancient Greece	
											
Stig of the Dump – Clive King	Ug, Boy Genius of the Stone Age – Raymond Briggs	The Last Bear – Hannah Gold	The Rainbow Bear – Michael Morpurgo	The Wild Robot – Peter Brown	The Tin Forest – Helen Ward	The Firework Maker's Daughter – Philip Pullman	Escape from Pompeii – Christina Balit	Marcy & the Riddle of the Sphinx – Joe Todd-Stanton	The Egyptian Cinderella – Shirley Clino	Who Let the Gods Out – Maz Evans	Leon & the Gorgon's Curse – Joe Todd-Stanton



Reading

- Most important
- Regular
- Volunteers



Maths

- Place value - having a thorough knowledge of the number system up to 1,000
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Number Bonds
- Multiplication - Revision of Year 2 - 2s, 5s and 10s, and new for Year 3 - 3s, 4s and 8s
- Division - Revision of Year 2 - by 2, 5 and 10, and new for Year 3 - by 3, 4 and 8
- Fractions - Revision of Year 2 - halves, quarters and three quarters, and new for Year 3 - counting in tenths
- Coins
- Time - Revision of Year 2 - o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to, and new for Year 3 - to nearest minute
- Shapes
- Statistics



Winter Uniform

- ▶ Grey skirt, pinafore dress or grey school trousers
- ▶ White polo shirt (**KS1**) or white shirt (**KS2**)
- ▶ Royal blue and gold tie (Key Stage 2 only. Y3 and Y4 may wear an elasticated tie)
- ▶ Royal blue 'V' necked jumper or cardigan with school logo
- ▶ Grey tights with skirts/dresses or grey socks with trousers
- ▶ Black shoes (boots, trainers, heeled or slip on shoes are unsuitable)
- ▶ Blue, black or brown hair ties or hair clips. Plain designs only please.
- ▶ Jewellery (other than a small pair of stud earrings) and nail varnish is not allowed.



Summer Uniform

Summer Uniform can be worn in Terms 1, 5 and 6

- ▶ Grey shorts and socks or
- ▶ light blue checked dress with white socks or
- ▶ winter uniform with a white short sleeved shirt and a tie
(white socks should be worn with dresses)
- ▶ In extremely hot weather the class teacher will give permission for children to remove their ties.
- ▶ School baseball cap for outside (optional)
- ▶ No sunglasses unless linked to a specific need
- ▶ Jewellery (other than a small pair of stud earrings) and nail varnish is not allowed. It is expected that earrings are removed for PE sessions.



Uniform - PE

PE Kit

- ▶ Drawstring bag which can be hung from a peg.
- ▶ Plain white T shirt (T-shirts with a school logo can be ordered)
- ▶ Navy shorts or skorts.
- ▶ Plimsolls (Reception and KS1) or sports trainers with secure fastenings
- ▶ Optional navy-blue jogging bottoms for outdoor winter use.
- ▶ Stud earrings must be removed or covered for PE sessions.

Swimming (KS2 only)

- ▶ Swimming cap (preferably blue - can be purchased from the school office)
- ▶ One piece costume or swimming trunks (not Bermuda style shorts)
- ▶ Pair of goggles
- ▶ Towel
- ▶ Waterproof bag



Uniform

- ▶ Children are encouraged to take pride in wearing their uniform and in representing our school.
- ▶ Please ensure that all items of uniform are named as children are responsible for looking after their own belongings.
- ▶ We have limited the number of branded items in our uniform expectations
- ▶ Second hand uniform items are available to view via. Friends
- ▶ Ties, swimming hats and bookbags can be purchased from the school office
- ▶ Items with the school logo can be purchased from our uniform suppliers
- ▶ <http://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/mayfield>
- ▶ The full uniform policy can be found on the **About Us** tab on our website.



Attendance and Punctuality

- ▶ For a child to reach their full educational achievement, a high level of school attendance is essential.
- ▶ We promote 100% attendance for our pupils and closely track attendance below 96%.
- ▶ We are committed to providing an education of the highest quality for all our pupils and endeavour to provide an environment where all pupils feel valued and welcome.
- ▶ We have a strong culture of working together to improve attendance and are committed to removing barriers to attendance, at home and in school, and work collaboratively in partnership with families.
- ▶ Parents and teachers share the responsibility for supporting and promoting excellent school attendance and punctuality.
- ▶ For our children to take full advantage of the educational opportunities offered at Mayfield, it is vital that children are at school, on time, every day unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable.



Celebrating Good Attendance

- ▶ Each week we celebrate the class with the highest attendance and present this in our Friday Celebration Assembly. The children look after Dunstan, our attendance ape, for the week!
- ▶ The class with the highest attendance will also be shared in our newsletters.
- ▶ At the end of each term, children who have 100% will be celebrated and awarded with an attendance certificate.



The Impact of Good Attendance

Good attendance is important because:

- ▶ statistics show a direct link between under-achievement and absence below 95%
- ▶ pupils with good attendance make better social and academic progress which has a positive impact on their emotional wellbeing, attitudes to learning and aspirations
- ▶ good attendance supports children to successfully manage school routines, learning opportunities and relationships with others
- ▶ pupils with good attendance are more successful in transferring between key stages, to secondary school and future employment



Attendance and Punctuality

- ▶ The school gates open at **8.35am** and close at **8:45am**. A member of staff will be on duty.
- ▶ Registration is from **8:45-8:50am**.
- ▶ When children arrive, they must come straight into the building and to their own classrooms.
- ▶ Children who arrive at school **after 8.45am** are officially late and must enter through the main office so the Office Staff can record the reason for lateness in the register which is retained for attendance monitoring.
- ▶ **Registration closes at 9:15am**. If your child arrives after this time, it will be recorded as a **U code** (unauthorised absence) on the attendance register.



Responsibilities of Parents/Carers:

- ▶ support the school in aiming for 100% attendance each academic year
- ▶ inform the school office by 9am on the first day and subsequent days of your child's absence (by telephone or email)
- ▶ <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> - This website provides guidance on whether or not to keep your child off school when they are unwell.
- ▶ avoid taking their child out of school for non-urgent medical or dental appointments
- ▶ only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances, using the school's Withdrawal from Learning form (available from the school office or the school's website). Withdrawal from Learning forms should be completed at least 14 days in advance of the requested absence
- ▶ register the reason for their child's lateness and sign their child out, at the office, if taken



How much could I be fined if my child misses school?

- ▶ We will provide support to help you improve your child's attendance first, but if this isn't effective or the absence is for unauthorised term time holiday, parents may face paying a fine.
- ▶ All schools are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.
- ▶ From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be **£80 if paid within 21 days**, or **£160 if paid within 28 days**.
- ▶ In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.
- ▶ Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.



Homework

- Children in Year 3 are expected to read every day for 15 minutes.
- The children's homework tasks will consist of spellings and maths (*usually Times Table Rock Stars*) as well as daily reading. (Full homework policy is on the school website)
- Year 3 will also have a Learning Journey homework.
- Homework will be set on a Friday afternoon through Google Classroom with a 'turn in' date of the following Wednesday.
- Please let me know if you have a problem with online homework.



School Website

On here you
will find
details of:

INSET Days

Uniform

Class Page

Expectations
for Skylarks'
Class

