



YEAR 3  
PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2024

# Year 3 staff



Mr Davies (Year Lead & 3JD)

Miss Awcock (3EA)

Miss Hennings (3EH)

Mrs Bryant (3HB)

Mr Gander (3PG)

*Miss Gillott– Teaching Assistant*

*Mrs Halton -Teaching Assistant*

*Mrs Ravuru - Teaching Assistant*

*Mrs Jacks - Teaching Assistant*

*Mrs Madina – Teaching Assistant*

*Miss Bickers– SEND Teaching Assistant*

Mr Footman Williams (Deputy Head – Lower School)

Mr Turnbull (SENCO)

# School timings



School gates open before 8:30 with staff on the playground every day from 8:30 in the morning.

**Doors open at 8:40am.** The children make their own way in.

Doors close at 8:50am.

At **3:15**, teachers bring their class out on to the playground at the **end of the day** for pick up.

# Our values

- Responsibility
- Respect
- Curiosity

- Tolerance
- Resilience
- Growth



You can help by talking about these values with your child, and listening to them talk about their experiences, ideas and questions.

Every Friday there is a 'values' assembly and a pupil from each class is chosen by their class teacher to receive a values certificate.

# Uniform

Ensure everything is named please!

PE kit to be worn to school on the days of PE

Games kit to include trainers

Tracksuit needed for colder weather - navy blue house sweatshirts and jogging bottoms

School cardigans or jumpers can be worn

Correct school shoes – black

No jewellery, except for a wrist watch and one pair of small stud earrings

Earrings to be taken out for all PE and games lessons or taped up at home

Hair should be tied back



# Equipment & Stationery



- Children will need their own key equipment – pen, pencil, ruler, glue stick, etc.
- No play time equipment to be brought into school.
- Children's own hand sanitiser is useful to have (we will obviously provide this too).

# Absence



Phone call to be made as early as possible on each morning of absence.

Please let us know of any unavoidable appointments prior to the day and bring in a copy of the appointment card.

We follow the rule that if a child is well enough to attend school then he/she is well enough to participate in PE & games and swimming, unless a note is sent in with a clear explanation.

# Safeguarding

Keeping children safe is our priority.

We received top grade in a safeguarding audit by West Sussex (summer 2024).



## Picking up / walking home

- Lower school – we expect that children are picked up.
- Teachers will only let pupils go to a family member *unless parents have let the school know in advance. This can be via email to the school office or telling TAs at drop off.*
- Upper school – many children start going home by themselves at some point in year 5 or year 6. Parents will decide when their child is ready for this. Please let your child's teacher know if you want your child to leave school independently.



# What will we be teaching?

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Computing
- Religious Education
- History
- Geography

- French
- Music
- Art
- Design Technology
- PE, Games
- PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education)



# Our curriculum



Over the course of the year, we will cover the breadth of the curriculum, but there will be terms where not all subjects are taught.

Our key drivers are **science**, **history** and **geography**.

## TOPICS:

Autumn – **Location! Location!**

**The Sound of Science**

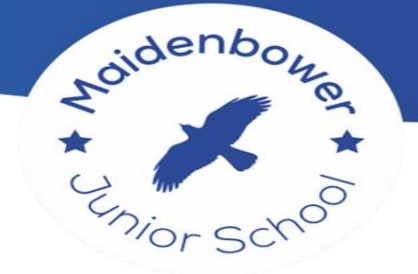
Spring – **We Will Rock You**

**The Romans**

Summer – **The Wonderful World of Roald Dahl**

**Inside Out**

# Overview of the Year

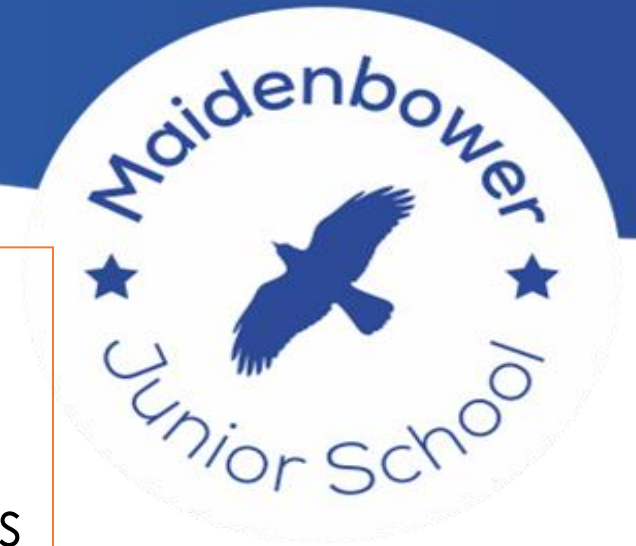


Topic Title	Location! Location!	The Sound of Science	We Will Rock You!	The Romans	The Wonderful World of Roald Dahl	Inside Out
<b>Subject drivers</b>	Geography (human and physical)	Science (Sound)	History (Stone Age) Science (Rocks)	History (Romans)	Science (Plants)	Science (Human Body) DT (Food Tech)
<b>Key Texts</b>	Joseph Coelho, Window and the Pirate Cruncher	Can Bears Ski?	How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth/ The Wild Way Home	Julius Zebra	James and the Giant Peach	Who says women can't be doctors
<b>Possible Trips/Visits</b>	Pirate Day – Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Mrs Awcock visits – hearing aid talk (week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> November)	Portals to the Past – Expert visitor Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Portals to the Past – Expert visitor Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February  Fishbourne Roman Palace Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Artist visit Date TBC	Wakehurst Place trip Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April

# Homework

- Reading four times a week – to be recorded in journals and brought into school daily.
- Weekly spellings to learn (tested on a Monday).
- Mental maths practice (times tables and number bonds)
- Spelling Shed and Times Table Rockstars (TTRockstars – 10/15 minutes per week) can be used at home to compliment home learning

- Homework is put onto the website on a Tuesday.
- **No** home learning needs to be handed in, but we expect it to be completed before Monday



# Reading

- Blue reading journal
- Expected to read a minimum of 4 times a week, and recorded in reading journal
- Please read with your child once a week and sign the reading journal.
- Choose a book which will challenge and expand vocabulary.

## Accelerated reader

- Teachers will be monitoring children's quizzing and checking that they are reading books appropriate to their ZPD level.
- Regular reading conversations with class teacher and TA.



# Week beginning: 2nd September 2024

Homework, Notes, Messages or Reminders

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

Signatures - Home: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

## Butterfly spotting

Keep a look out for butterflies. You could take pictures of them. Try to identify some different species by looking in books or online.



# Reading Record

Date, book and the page you read to	Comments Give a score out of 10 to show how much you enjoyed your reading
	10
	10
	10
	10
	10
	10

## Tricky words, or new words I have learned


Stop Quiz

The Pirate Cruncher

Question 2 of 5

When the captain heard about the monster that liked to eat pirates, he ---.

- A called for his telescope
- B said the monster was no match for him
- C knew he would have nightmares all night
- D grabbed his sword



The Pirate Cruncher  
by Jonny Duddle

Quiz: 221990 EN Level: 3.3 LY Points: 0.5

My Rating:

One of the Best ★★★★★

You did not pass this quiz.

2 of 5 correct



% Correct	Points	Words Read
40	0	0

Print TOPS Report

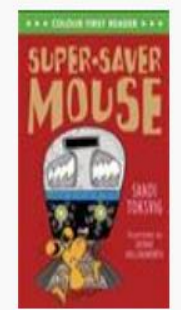
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Title, Author, or Quiz Number  (1-4 of 4) << Previous Next >>

### September 2022



90%



100%



100%



90%

**My Progress**

[My Certifications](#)

[My Completed Work](#)

## Your Progress

There are 316 days left in the marking period.

Marking Period

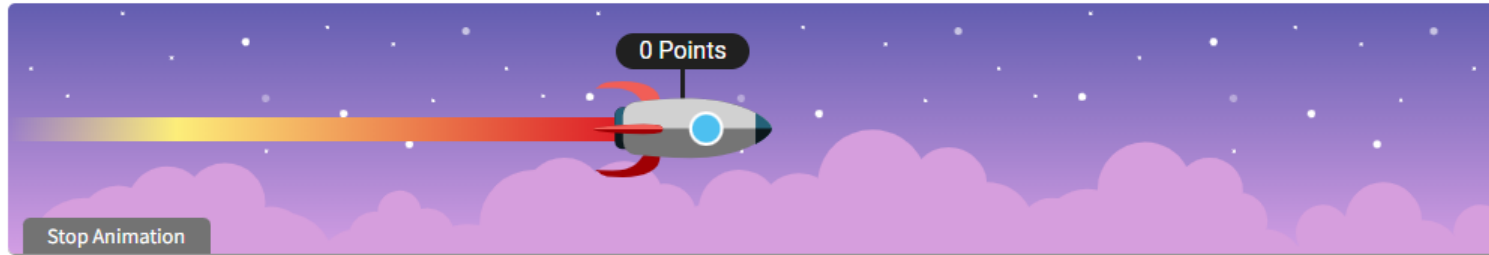
2024 - 2025

1 September 2024

21 July 2025

## Points

[What Does This Mean?](#)



## Overall Quiz Scores

[What Does This Mean?](#)



My target is to be at **85%** or higher

Search for a book to read!

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# Welcome

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**Accelerated Reader Bookfinder™**

**United Kingdom & Ireland**

Searching for Accelerated Reader books is fun and easy with this free online tool.

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- Parent
- Teacher
- Librarian

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Search

Enter Keycode

You do not need a Keycode to search. However, if your child's teacher gave you a Keycode, enter it here to search the most relevant books for your child.

### Refine Your Search

- Interest Level**
  - Middle Years (423)
  - Lower Years (274)
  - Upper Years (135)
  - Middle Years Plus (38)
- Fiction/Non-fiction**
  - Fiction (671)
  - Non-fiction (199)
- Language**
  - >English
- Topic**
  - Series (562)
  - High Interest Low ... (191)

## Search Results

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### The Midnight Gang

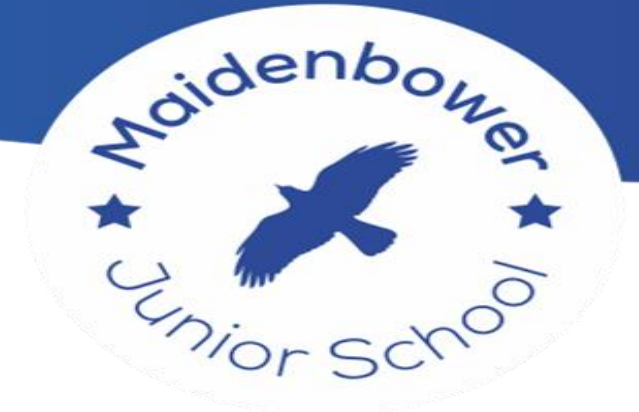
Walliams, David  
 AR Quiz No. 230914 EN Fiction  
 IL: MY - BL: 4.4 - AR Pts: 6.0  
 AR Quiz Types: RP, VP  
 Rating: ★★★★★

When Tom gets hit on the head by a cricket ball, he finds himself at Lord Funt Hospital where he embarks on a journey of a lifetime with four other children.



### The World's Worst Teachers

# Assessment



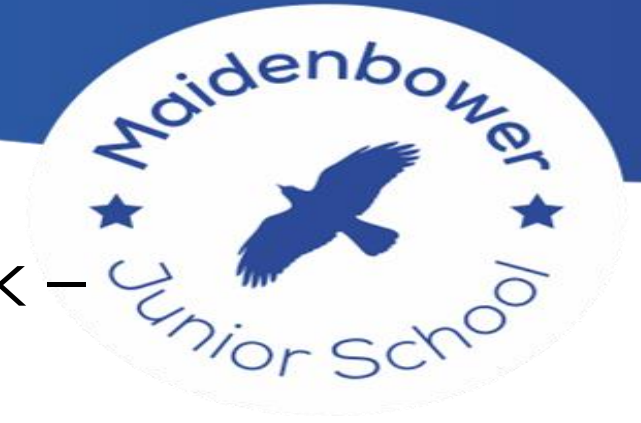
Children are assessed through work in lessons and low-stakes quizzes.

In the summer term, more formal tests are undertaken in reading, spelling, arithmetic and maths reasoning.

The children get used to working under timed conditions and increase familiarity with the layout of tests.

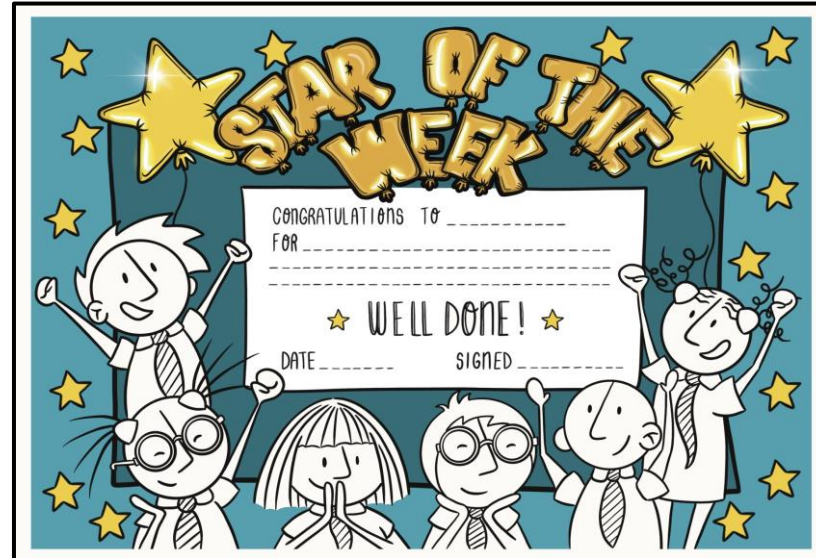
Tests are split into small chunks, to enable the children to succeed.

# Rewards



Children can earn reward time during the week – this may be referred to as ‘golden time’.

Each week, selected children will receive a certificate: school value, star of the week, AR or TT Rockstar.



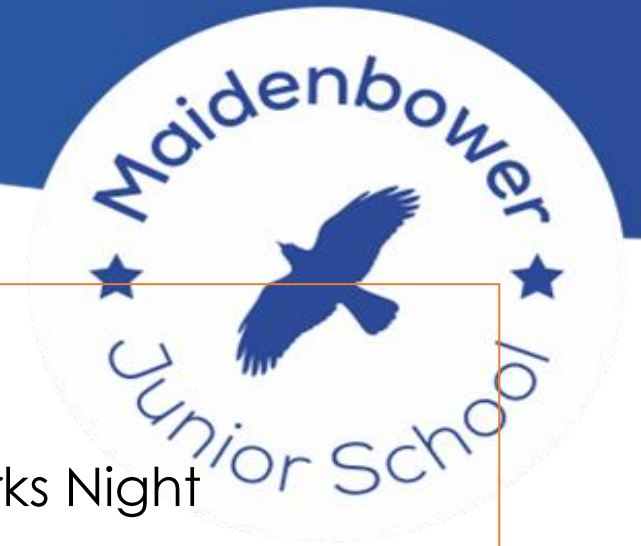
# Key Dates

## This half term ...

- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Pirate Dress Up Day
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – school individual photos
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – half-term holiday

## Further away ...

- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Fireworks Night
- Parent meetings, either of:
  - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November – afternoon
  - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – evening
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December @ 2:20 Year 3 Celebration Show
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – last day of term (1:15pm finish)



# Online Safety at MJS

NSPCC

## More online safety advice for parents



### Talking to your child about online safety

Advice on how to start the conversation and get support if you're worried.

[Learn more](#)



### Parental controls

Get advice on setting up parental controls to help keep your child safe online.

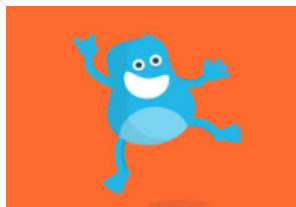
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### Livestreaming and online video apps

Information and advice to help you understand the challenges and keep your child safe.

[Learn more](#)



Ollee - virtual friend





# Online Safety at MJS

**BBC** For you  Home  News  Sport  Weather  iPlayer  Sounds

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### EE tells parents: don't give under-11s smartphones



GETTY IMAGES

**Lucy Hooker**  
Business reporter, BBC News

25 August 2024



One of the UK's largest mobile network providers is advising parents not to give primary school-aged children their own smartphone.

It said that under-11s should be given "non-smart" devices that have similar capabilities as old brick phones.



- All social media apps, including Instagram and Tiktok are aged rated 13+. WhatsApp is 16+.
- Children should not be using these without parental consent or careful monitoring.
- On the [Google Play](#) store, most social media apps are rated 'Parental Guidance Recommended' by PEGI. This symbol comes up as an exclamation mark. This rating recommends that parents carefully consider whether these apps are suitable for children under 18.

# How can you help?

- Times tables practise – recalling the 2, 5 and 10 tables and learning connections between 2x 4x and 8x
- Reading with your child regularly and recording in RR
- Fostering independence & organisation
- Inform your child's teacher about any concerns
- Chicken helpers!
- Parent / carer helpers to listen to children read during school time



# Friends Committee (PTA)



- We rely on the efforts of parents to help organise enjoyable events for the children and raise funds
- Pizza Days, Christmas Fair, Midsummer Madness, Fireworks, etc.
- A date for a meeting will be sent out soon. Please look out for this. There's usually drinks and nibbles!

Thank you for listening!

Please come and introduce yourself and say hello to your child's class teacher or me at the end of the school day if you haven't already!

Lost property – please take any items you may need from the front!

