MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back, we hope you had a great week off! It was lovely to see all the children getting straight back into the swing of things and settling into school this morning! We have a busy half term ahead, as we complete our month of reading madness activities over the next 2 weeks, before taking on a month of multiplication in March!

In addition, we have Chinese New Year and Science workshops happening in school.... we love to have visitors at Moorside to inspire our learning! We look forward to sharing the outcomes with you through our school Facebook page. Mrs White will unfortunately not be in school this week, we hope that she gets well soon. In the meantime, please contact your child's class teacher, Mrs Price or Mrs Rowett if you have any concerns.

Valentine's Disco

Friends of School Valentines Disco raised £352. Many thanks to Friends of Moorside for organising such an enjoyable evening.

KS1 Reading Cafe

The next Reading Cafe will be on Tuesday 27th February from 3.15-4.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

World Book Day

It is World Book Day on Thursday 1st March….. We would love it if the children could come into school dressed as a character from a book. There are some really easy ideas for how you can adapt clothing that you already have at home, which might help. Have a look at:

https://www.netmums.com/world-book-day/tips-for-world-book-day-costumes

No donation required for this event…. all children will receive a book token on the day.

Month of Reading Madness

Please don't forget to complete the 'Reading at Home' challenge and return the logs to Miss Rogan by Monday 26th February. We will put all completed reading logs into a raffle to win a book prize.

Forest School

It's Year 2 (on Mondays) and Year 4 children (on Wednesdays) who will be doing Forest School this half term. Please ensure your child has a change of clothes, waterproofs and wellies to wear on these days as they will probably get rather muddy! Their Forest School learning will link to their Science and DT topics.

Times Table RockStars

Top of the Leader Board:

Year 6 - Isabella Milner
Year 5 - Bobbie Small
Year 4 - Andrew McCormack
Year 3 - Tobias Groundwater
Year 2 - Matthew Pickard

Class Updates

Nursery – This week in Nursery we are looking at the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We are going to be thinking about planting and what we can plant and grow in our Nursery garden. We are also going to be thinking about shapes and looking at different shapes in our environment.

Reception – The 'Spark' in Reception this week is all about Chinese New Year. We will have lots of opportunities for writing including writing our names in Mandarin, writing Chinese menus and writing Chinese food orders in our new Chinese restaurant role play area. In Maths we are learning to put numbers in order. These may be all numbers to 10/20 or a few random numbers.

Year 1 - The children in Year 1 will be counting in twos in Maths (something that they could practice at home) and linking their learning about materials to Goldilocks and the Three Bears in Literacy. They will be retelling the story as they familiarise themselves with traditional tales.

Year 2 – Year 2 will be finishing their work based on the Gruffalo and animals including humans with some reports based on the animals in the story, applying their skills in writing questions as subheadings. They will be learning how to write sentences using the conjunctions 'because' and 'when'. Our Guided Reading text will take us to the Winter Olympics and we will be learning how to spell contractions such as can't and didn't. In Maths, we will be practicing our number bonds to 100 and adding and subtracting numbers using bar models.

Year 3 – In Maths this week we are starting to look at time. We will be reading clocks both analogue and digital and having a go at drawing the hands on clocks. There is a very good game on Education City called 'Hour Hero' which we are using to support our learning. The children know how they can access this game at home. In Literacy we will be writing a recount of a story which will link to our Science. We are starting a new topic in Science, 'Plants' and we are beginning by looking at and identifying the different parts of a flowering plant.

Year 4 – This week in Year 4, we will be solving problems involving money. On Wednesday, we start our Forest School experience which fits perfectly with our Science topic of Plants. Please make sure that your child has the correct clothing in school. Thank you.

Year 5 – This week Year 5 and 6 are going on a trip to the Science and Media Museum in Bradford as an introduction to our new Science topic of Sound. In Maths we are continuing to focus on fractions and we are finishing our Science topic on materials by looking at separating liquids. In Literacy we are continuing to focus on writing newspaper reports. PE lessons will now be on a Wednesday with Mr Price as well as our usual Thursday session with Sporting Influence.

Year 6 – This week, Year 6 will be exploring sound through a variety of workshops at the Media Museum in Bradford on Tuesday. We will be completing our charter descriptions of ITCH as we further explore our class text. In Maths, we will be continuing to look at the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages.

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.56	93.82	96.63	95.54	96.28	95.39	93.15

Last week :

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.55	85.38	98.93	96.52	96.13	93.33	90.00

Diary Dates

20th February 2018	Year 5 & 6 Visit to Science & Media Museum
29th March 2018	Easter Holidays – school closes 3.00pm