

MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We had a super first week back last week...the children enjoyed their Topic 'hooks' to launch them into their learning this term, with visits from giants, space ships crash landings and astronauts in training....school has been an exciting place to be! Three classes started Forest schools for this half term too, linking their learning with Science, PHSCE, Literacy and DT. Please send your children with extra layers for outdoor learning – the weather is getting even colder this week.

Our children in Year 5 were very excited to begin their adventure in outdoor pursuits this morning...they have an action-packed couple of days to immerse them in the book 'Wolf Brother', putting 'living in the wilderness' into practice! They will be fending for themselves through orienteering, archery and cooking on a fire as well as exploring the Yorkshire dales by starlight. We are hoping the snow will hold off until they are safely home.

We will be holding a Kawasaki Awareness Day in school on Friday 25th January in support of one of our families who experienced this horrendous condition. Children are invited to wear red next Friday and bring an optional £1 donation.

It is always lovely to hear about new additions to households, including pets. In line with North Yorkshire's Health and Safety guidelines, we can only allow therapy and guide dogs on the school premises wearing their appropriate vests/jackets. There is popular demand for a 'pets to school' afternoon so we will organise an event during the Summer term for those who would like to take part with their parents after school hours.

We hope you received all the children's homework challenges and timetables on Friday, so that you can support them with their learning at home. Learning letters and topic webs were emailed and are on the school website too. If you would like paper copies of these, please contact your child's class teacher. Also, keep following our school Facebook page for updates...we always appreciate it if our page or posts are "liked" or 'shared'.

Have a super week everyone!

Best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Message from FOMS

A huge thank you for raising £2497.00 last term which went towards visitors to school, Christmas fun and school trips. We are raising money for a new school library next! We will be having a Valentines disco in February - more details to follow. To help our fundraising, we now have an email address Foms@moorside-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk If you have any ideas, offers of help or any comments please let us know.

Screen Time

We know that lots children will have received new devices over Christmas- to keep them safe, check out parentzone for helpful information about screen time <https://parentzone.org.uk/>

Class Updates

Nursery – Nursery will be thinking about nothing this week! Our number of the week is zero, and we will be thinking about what 'zero' means. We will also be thinking about Polar Bears - describing them and finding out about their lives.

Reception – This week in Reception we are continuing our Spark of 'The Polar Regions'. We will be learning the story 'The Polar Bear and the Snow Cloud'. We will learn to retell the story and will be drawing and labelling our own story plans too. In Maths this week the children will be learning to say what is one more or one less than a number. We will also be exploring ice with frozen animals in the water and having a go at making our own igloos.

Year 1 – This week we are continuing to focus on character descriptions in Literacy and multiplication in Maths. We will also start talking about 2D and 3D shapes - looking at their features and finding out their names. There will also be a 3D homework sheet coming home to encourage the children to look for shapes around the house. During the IT lesson this week, the children will be given their Times Table Rock Stars login details; they will be shown how to access the website and login. Additional information for parents is on our school website. In PSHCE we are thinking about looking after ourselves and others, and what it means to be healthy.

Year 2 – In Literacy this week we are starting Jack and the Beanstalk. We will look at the main characters in the story and write commands for each of them using imperative verbs. Our Science will be linked to Literacy as we will be trying to grow the largest plant we can and investigating what conditions plants need to grow in. In Maths we will continue with division and investigate a few problems. From this we will move onto money and try to find different ways to make the same amount using different coins.

Year 3 - After the excitement of the spaceship landing in Year 3 last week we will be writing reports on the incident. We will also be looking at recipes from space and writing our own space recipe. In Science we will be investigating which surface is best for the spaceship to take off from and completing a conclusion for the alien. We will also be doing an investigation with magnets and creating a poster. In Maths, we will be doing multiplication and practicing our times tables.

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Five top tips to manage children's screen time

Help your child make the most of their time on and offline

- 1 Set a good example with your own device use**
Children will tend to model their behaviours on you, so if you start reading a book, they may follow your lead.
- 2 Talk together about the time they spend online**
Understand what they're doing, and explain your concerns.
- 3 Agree an appropriate length of time that they can use their device**
Put in place a family agreement to set some boundaries and don't break them.
- 4 Get the whole family to unplug and create 'screen free' zones at home**
- 5 Use technology and apps to help manage screen time**
For example, the Forest app enables them to grow a beautiful forest each day they don't use their phone for a set amount of time. The iPad's 'Guided Access' limits the time you can access any given app, which can be great for younger children.

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Year 4 – This week Year 4 are going to be writing a balanced argument on the existence of extra-terrestrial life, to do this we will need to use conjunctions and emotive language. In Maths we will be broadening our understanding of division in preparation for starting fractions. In Science this week we will be doing an experiment all about the friction created by different surfaces.

Year 5 – In Year 5 this week, we will be on our residential trip to Marrick Priory. We are all very excited about this and are looking forward to this very much. Please keep a watch out on our Facebook page for updates. The children in school will be creating scenes in a shoe box using natural materials in relation to our class text 'Wolf Brother'.

Year 6 – After an exciting launch to our Space topic last week with the Astronaut training session, the children will be starting to explore the relationship between the Earth, Sun and Moon, and will be introduced to their space mission. In RE, the children will be looking at key religious figures who have inspired people of their faith. In Maths, we will be continuing to investigate linear number sequences and using our understanding of algebra. We will be continuing to explore the Wolf Brother text too, working on developing our summarising skills.

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.77	93.74	94.99	97.65	95.75	96.22	96.84

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.81	97.50	96.00	97.40	96.35	97.73	99.00

Diary Dates

w/c 14 th January 2019	Marrick Priory Residential – Year 5
Friday 25 th January	Kawasaki Awareness Day
Tuesday 29 th January 2019	KS1 & KS2 Reading Cafes
Friday 22 nd February 2019	Half-term
Monday 4 th March 2019	Back to School