

MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's National Storytelling Week this week. This Friday, we will begin our Month of Reading Madness, and will introduce a number of fun activities and competitions that we will be running throughout February. This is one of our favourite events of the year, as it exposes children to different authors and genres which takes them out of their usual comfort zone and broadens their reading habits!!

Tomorrow is our monthly Reading Cafe.... it would be great if as many of you as possible can join us for a story and a cuppa!! All welcome from 3.15pm in the Infants and 3.20pm in the Juniors.

As another cold week begins, we have been putting plans in place in case of heavy snow and icy weather. We will try not to close, but I don't want to put children, parents and staff at risk in any adverse conditions. Our risk assessed plans are as follows:-

In case of icy weather (as we did last week), we will grit the main paths into school and cone off the least safe zones. The playgrounds are the most treacherous areas with black ice.

In snowy conditions, we will ensure that the schools can open with enough staff to keep the children safe. We will confirm by text and on our Facebook page that we are definitely opening by 7.20am. We will then do our best to clear and grit safe paths to enter the school site from Harrogate Road, Lead Lane and Whitcliffe Grove.

If it is snowy, please send children with suitable clothing and footwear (wellies) to play outside on our field. If we have to close because staff cannot get to school for the necessary adult : child ratio, we will announce it on Stray FM, via text and through our Facebook page by 7.20am.

If you have changed your phone or contact details, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Have a super week everyone.... keep warm!!

Mrs Rowett

FOMS

The Valentines Disco is on Tuesday 12th February, please all come along and support this event. There will be cakes, hot dogs and games. A huge thank you to 'Messy Buns' in Ripon who are donating some cakes. We are also doing a 'bags2school' collection in February, please keep an eye out for the bags and keep any textiles/shoes/bags you no longer want. We also hope to hold our annual sponsored bounce after half term. If you have any questions please email us on foms@moorside-inf.n-yorks.sch.uk

Class Updates

Nursery – Nursery have been enjoying experimenting with powder paints, so this week we are going to explore colour. We will mix lots of different paints, playdough and see what we find out - it could be a messy week, so make sure the children aren't dressed in their finest! Our number of the week is '2', please bring something in for the number bag - we have enjoyed everyone's contributions so far!

Reception – We have lots going on in Reception this week. We are using a real news story of the benefits of young children spending lots of time with Grandparents and other older people they know. We will think about what we enjoy doing with our Grandparents, what they can teach us and what we can teach them to do. This will link to our British Value of Mutual Respect. We will also be exploring ice and how it can change when it melts and freezes again. In Maths we are learning to recognise coins to 20p and we will be using coins to buy things from our role play shop.

Year 1 – This week we are writing the story of 'The Smartest Giant in Town' during our Literacy lessons. In phonics we are practising reading 'alien words' and words that have split digraphs. In Maths, we are learning about positional language and describing how shapes might look after a 90 degree turn. We will also continue to solve calculations involving 2x, 5x and 10x tables. During Science, we will be continuing to look at plants and sorting plants into different categories. In Topic we will be evaluating our products and writing a set of instructions to tell the giant how to make them. We will also be practising for 'The Big Sing', which is on Tuesday 12th February, we're really looking forward to singing with children from other schools!

Year 2 – This week in Year 2 we will be exploring apostrophes with possession. We will use the text 'The Smartest Giant in Town' to remember all the items of clothes the giant gave away. We will use apostrophes to identify who owns each piece of clothing now. In Maths we are starting to look at 2D shapes. This week we will investigate their properties and identify lines of symmetry. We will use our knowledge later on in the week to carry out investigations and create patterns with 2D shapes. Our sunflowers have begun to grow so we will continue to monitor them and hopefully we can begin to measure how tall they are getting!

Year 3 – In Year 3 this week we are adding dialogue into our stories. We will be looking at the correct way to punctuate speech and how the dialogue has helped tell the story. We will be conducting interviews and using some drama to do this. We will be continuing with multiplication and then seeing how it links with division. In Topic we are looking at a space buggy and then we will be making our own.

Year 4 – This week in Year 4 we are going to be using some 'Talk for Writing' to support us in writing a sci-fi story. In Maths we will be continuing our work with fractions and applying what we have learnt to a variety of problems. We will be looking to start our DT topic (building space buggies) and would really appreciate it if you could bring in materials for modelling such as: egg boxes, cardboard, plastic bottles etc.

Year 5 – In Year 5 we are writing character descriptions about the main character in 'Wolf Brother'. We will be using descriptions and cohesive devices between paragraphs. In Maths, we are learning about mixed number fractions and improper fractions. In Topic, our designs are just about complete and ready for the making stage for our space capsule. Mars, here we come!

Year 6 - This week, we will be writing instructions for how to build the perfect den (a skill we have been perfecting during our Forest School sessions). In Maths, we will be continuing to perfect the written method of long division and as part of our Science learning, we will be exploring phases of the moon in more detail. Our Forest School session will include more den building and survival skills, linked to our current class text 'Wolf Brother'. Children must remember their Forest School clothes on Friday (waterproofs, wellies, hat, scarf and gloves) as it can be very cold and muddy during our sessions.

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.24	93.91	94.69	97.58	95.94	95.50	97.20

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
90.20	94.00	88.80	99.17	96.80	98.48	100.00

Diary Dates

Tuesday 12 th February	The Big Sing – Year 1 & 2 at Ripon Cathedral 2.00pm
Tuesday 12 th February	Valentine's Disco - Infants 4.15pm–5.45pm & Juniors 6.00pm–7.30pm
Tuesday 29 th January	KS1 & KS2 Reading Cafes
Friday 22 nd February	Half-term
Monday 4 th March	Back to School