

MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend and that the bugs and germs that lots of our children were struck down with last week are beginning to subside.

We are celebrating Chinese New Year this week, learning about the celebrations, traditions and Chinese beliefs about the fortune that each year brings. I think it is the year of the Pig! Lunch on Tuesday links in with this theme, with Chinese on the menu. It would be lovely if as many children as possible could join in.

It is Safer Internet Day this week too. This year's theme is 'Together for a better Internet'. We will be sharing even more examples with the children and tips about how to be safe online through a range of resources and activities. There is a really helpful website and video for parents too at:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/education-packs/activities-parents-and-carers>

The North Yorkshire Healthy Choices team are offering a free Healthy Choices Programme. This is a family-focused healthy lifestyle service for 4-19 year olds in North Yorkshire that fall above a healthy weight. Delivered over a period of up to 12 weeks, Healthy Choices provides families with the knowledge and tools to support them to make positive food choices and other lifestyle behaviour changes, using fun and engaging activities. Families are able to self-refer via the Healthy Choices website:

www.northyorks.gov.uk/healthy-choices or by ringing the Healthy Choices team on 01609 798081.

If you have any questions or queries about anything that is happening in school, or if you need any help or support with changes at home, please contact myself, Mrs Price or your child's class teacher(s). We will always try and find the answer or a solution to support our children and families.

Have a super week - I hope the children will be able to share their learning about Chinese New Year and Safer Internet Day with you by Friday!

Best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Class Updates

Nursery – Nursery are learning about Chinese New Year this week - very exciting! We will be making dragons, trying some Chinese writing and (of course) trying some new food. Number 3 is our number of the week - we'd better find out how to write '3' in Chinese!

Reception – The 'Spark' in Reception this week is Chinese New Year. We are writing good luck messages using Chinese symbols. We have a new Chinese restaurant role play area where we are ordering/writing Chinese food orders and using chopsticks! We are also dancing with our large Chinese dragon outside. In Maths this week we are learning to count to 10 in Mandarin and using Chinese dragons to help us order numbers.

Year 1 – In Literacy, we will be writing a poem to describe the bog that the dog is trying to cross in the story of 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. During our reading sessions we will be reading together in groups, completing comprehension tasks and undertaking activities focusing on the books we have read. We will be learning about keeping safe on the internet as part of our Safer Internet Day activities. During Topic, we will be writing instructions for George the Giant to make our product. We will also be finding out about Chinese New Year. We will be looking at where China is on a map of the world and creating some Chinese dragons!

Year 2 – We started making dream catchers in Year 2 last week after getting excited when we read about them in the BFG. This week we will write our own dream for the BFG to catch which we will display on our 'Giants' topic board. We are also learning about when to use an exclamation mark so we will be putting these into our writing. In Maths we are studying 3D shapes. We will look at their properties and link their faces to the work we did on 2D shapes last week. We are hoping to use straws and plastercine to make our own 3D shapes later this week.

Year 3 – In Year 3 this week we are starting to look at division in Maths and how it links to multiplication. We are doing more work on our times tables so remember to go onto Times Table Rockstars! In Literacy we are looking at exclamation marks and how we can use them to improve our writing. We are finding examples in our texts and reading them with expression. We will also be doing some work on being safe online for Safer Internet Day. After completing our designs for our space buggy we will be making them this week, if you have any cardboard boxes we would really appreciate them.

Year 4 – This week in Year 4 we will be continuing to write our Sci-Fi stories, last week we used our 'Talk for Writing' and this week we will be implementing this into our own story. In Maths we will continue to look at equivalent fractions. Thank you to all those who have brought junk modelling stuff in as this will help us in our DT Topic, later this week we will begin to build our own space buggies.

Year 5 – This week in Year 5, we are subtracting fractions and solving problems around this. In Literacy, we are writing instructions for Torak to help him build a den. We are continuing to build our space capsules for our Mission to Mars. In Science, we are carrying out an experiment about the movement of the Moon.

Year 6 – This week, we are starting to look at fractions in Maths, investigating equivalents and solving calculations involving fractions. In Literacy, we will be completing our instructions for making the perfect shelter, editing and improving them before writing our final draft. On Tuesday, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year by completing some craft activities and on Wednesday, we will be taking part in a range of activities as part of Safer Internet Day. Wednesday is also our class book swap as part of our Month of Reading Madness.

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.53	94.02	94.30	97.58	96.06	96.64	96.86

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
77.65	96.00	87.60	97.50	98.00	98.79	91.15

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
Friday 22 nd February	Half-term
Monday 4 th March	Back to School