

MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well... we had a very busy week last week celebrating Chinese New Year and raising awareness about how to keep safe on the internet. We had a whole-school assembly on Wednesday, when each class shared their learning from Safer Internet Day. It was amazing to see how much thought had gone into how to keep safe online from across the school. We look forward to putting some on display in the main hall to keep the advice that they presented so brilliantly at the forefront of children's minds.

Our Sponsored Read starts this week with Usbourne books. The children are invited to take part by being sponsored to read for a number of minutes of their choice every day. The money raised will be matched by Usbourne, so that we can buy some new books for our resource library and also books for children to read for pleasure in our new library. I wonder how many minutes we can read for as a school?? Any contributions, no matter how big or small would be greatly appreciated!

Our Friends of Moorside are working tirelessly, to help us to raise money for our library, so that it can have a face lift and become a more inviting reading environment. We are hoping to begin this project in the Summer term.... so the more new books that we have, the better! The Valentine's disco tomorrow night is just one of their brilliant fund raising events for this cause, giving the children the chance to have fun together too! Entry is £2.50, which includes crisps and a drink, cakes are 50p, hotdogs are £1.00 and games are 50p, teas and coffees are also £1.00. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible....

Dave will be coming to do 'Box2BFit' with children in Years 1-6 on Tuesday. This is funded by our sports premium money, to provide children with alternative sporting experiences as well as kick starting new ideas for our PE lessons and lunchtime games. We look forward to welcoming him back to Moorside, as we loved 'Skip2BFit' last year!

Years 1 and 2 will also be singing in Ripon Cathedral as part of 'The Big Sing' tomorrow afternoon. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to perform with other schools in our community and experience singing in front of a large audience. They have been rehearsing every Thursday with Mrs Watkinson so we can't wait to hear them!

Hope you have a great week everyone - as ever, we are a phone call or an email away if you need to see or chat to a member of staff about any questions, queries or concerns, or you can pop into the office to arrange an appointment!

Best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Class Updates

Nursery – This week, Nursery will be thinking about Castles and Dragons! We will be learning new words to describe castles and using Lego to build our own. Our number of the week is '4' – please bring in something from home for the number bag.

Reception – The 'Spark' this week in Reception is 'Being Healthy'. We will be looking at which foods are good for us and which should be eaten as treats. We will also discuss the importance of feeling happy, getting enough sleep and exercising. In Maths this week we are ordering items by length and beginning to measure items using a non-standard measure.

Year 1 – This week in Maths we are continuing to focus on position and direction; learning about clockwise, anticlockwise and quarter turns. We are designing a map for the Bee Bots to travel along following our directions. We continuously re-visit mental addition, subtraction and multiplication throughout the week and there are lots of games on Abacus and Times Table Rockstars to support your children with this at home. Please take the time to use these fantastic resources at home each week. In Literacy we are focusing on poetry (matching the Month of Reading Madness focus for this week). During Science, we will be writing letters to George the Giant about which seeds would make the tallest plant. In Topic, we will be writing instructions of how to make our giant products. Also, on Tuesday, the children will be singing in Ripon Cathedral - it will be a lovely event, so we hope you can come along!

Year 2 – Well it's going to be a busy week in Year 2 this week! We are looking forward to getting fit on Tuesday morning as we have a session to develop our fitness skills when the Box2BFit team visit our school. In the afternoon on Tuesday we are participating in the 'Big Sing' at Ripon Cathedral. This is a fantastic opportunity for the Ripon schools and we hope lots of parents will come to watch us. Even with all this we have school work to fit in too!! In Maths we will be starting a new topic on fractions and will be looking at finding different fractions of shapes (we will be folding lots of different paper shapes!). In Literacy we will be identifying words which can be contracted and putting the apostrophe in the correct place! After Tuesday we will have lots to write about, so hopefully we can practice putting contractions into our reports.

Year 3 – This week in Year 3 we are finding missing numbers in bar models and completing more division problems. The children will be using their times table knowledge to help them so don't forget to use Times Table Rockstars. We are writing an explanation text in Literacy about magnets and will be looking at including questions as our sub-headings. To support this we will be making statements into questions. In Topic we will be completing our space buggy and in RE we will be learning about Creation Stories and how we can look after our beautiful world.

Year 4 – In Year 4 this week we are turning our attention to adding and subtracting fractions in Maths. In Literacy we are finishing off our Sci-fi stories before editing and improving them. We are going to begin building our space buggies ready to test them next week in DT.

Year 5 – This week in Year 5, we are multiplying fractions in Maths, solving problems along the way. In Literacy, we are learning to use commas to clarify meaning, which will be of great use when we plan our narrative around our text, 'Wolf Brother'. The children are really enjoying the Space Topic and this week we will investigate each planet in our Solar System.

Year 6 – This week, we will be continuing to explore fractions using a range of resources; we will be using our reasoning skills and mathematical vocabulary to deepen our understanding of fractions in real life contexts. We will be writing our final draft of our shelter instructions, ready to share in our Forest School session on Friday and we will be completing our biography on Mother Teresa as part of our RE learning, which we planned last week. As part of our Topic learning, we will be discovering how day and night occur and working in our teams to plan more of our space shuttle mission.

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.47	94.10	94.29	97.16	95.91	96.47	96.95

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.90	94.50	94.00	89.58	94.58	93.64	98.46

Diary Dates

Tuesday 12 th February	The Big Sing – Year 1 & 2 at Ripon Cathedral 2.00pm
Tuesday 12 th February	Box2BFit (Years 1-6)
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