

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Friends,

HAPPY NEW YEAR and WELCOME BACK!

It has been really lovely to see all the children and hear all their news today...they have settled really well into the new term already. We are also really pleased to welcome Caytlyn, Sophie, Jake, Joey, Harry and Kian and their families to the Moorside team. We hope that our 'new recruits' also feel settled and make lots of new friends quickly!

This term's curriculum theme is 'Explorers'! The children will be experiencing launch days over the next 2 weeks, to hook them into their learning. We will be sending out the new learning letters, homework challenges and topic mats later this week, so that you can support your child(ren) as much as possible, and share their learning with them at home.

We have decided to launch our 'Month of Reading Madness' in January, instead of March this year. This is to space out the number of themed days and weeks that we hold in school to make the most of them and avoid clashes! We also thought that it would be a great way to start the new year, by getting our noses into as many books as possible and continue to grow a love of reading through the many events that we have organised. Please see the flyer attached, to keep you up to date with activities that will take place, to get us into the habit of reading...a great New Year's Resolution!

Safety.... the volume of traffic continues to be a concern on Lead Lane and Whitcliffe Grove at pick up and drop off times. I will be contacting the Highways Agency again to request that they monitor this and suggest measures that we can put in place. In the meantime, please take care when crossing the roads outside school at busy times. We have arranged for a Road Safety assembly for all children later this half term through North Yorkshire's Road Safety Team to raise their awareness of the dangers and how to keep safe, especially whilst it is still dark in the mornings and earlier in the evenings.

Also, a number of children will have received new tablets/iPads, Playstations, Xboxes and games for Christmas. Please do have a look at the guidance at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/>, to ensure that they are safe online! Whilst the internet is an amazing place for learning, it is so important to keep children safe, and the best methods of doing this are ever changing, in line with evolving technology. It is also best if children can read a book before bed instead of playing on a screen, in order to get a good night's sleep before school – even better to hear a story!

I hope that you all have a super first week of term and look forward to catching up with you on the playground. If you have any questions or queries at all about your child's learning or well-being, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself.

Best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher