

# MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

## NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Friends,

We had a really busy first week back to school last week, getting back into the rhythm of learning and finding out about new topic areas for this term.

Homework challenges, knowledge mats, timetables and learning letters were sent out by email on Friday. Paper copies of the homework challenges were also sent out on Friday and we will send out the knowledge mats today. All documents can also be found on our school website.

Year 5 are really excited about their first residential trip to Marrick Priory this week. They will be linking their learning in the outdoors to Wolf Brother and experiencing life 'surviving' in the wild. We are crossing our fingers that the weather is kind to them...lots of layers required! We will keep you updated on their adventures via our school Facebook page! School trips are being arranged for our other cohorts for later in the term. Watch this space...

As well as educational visits, we enjoy welcoming visitors to our school to support our learning and enhance our curriculum. On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, Brian Beresford will be delivering a singing workshop for all children in Years 1-6, based on the theme of Responsibilities (which links to our assemblies this term). The workshop is called 'The Lightbulb Moment' and will involve:

- Learning a pop/rock song that teaches ways in which we are all responsible for what we say and do, involving participation for percussion and/or clapping rhythms.
- Defining responsibility and considering ages at which people become responsible for various tasks, behaviours, actions (e.g. looking after our pets).
- Learning about making good and bad choices, being responsible for our world - practical activity and examples.
- Understanding our responsibility for being active learners.

The best bit is... parents are welcome to attend and take part. More information about timings to follow. This workshop is fully funded by our Friends of Moorside School.

We have been reviewing our school reading book scheme to buy some more books to support early reading. We are quite 'thin on the ground' with some of our book banded books and we think that some of them may be hiding at home, maybe under beds or accidentally on bookshelves. We would really appreciate it if you could check and return any that you may still have to school, so that we do not waste funds. We will be asking children about the books that they enjoy reading in an attempt to tailor them to their interests as well as support them in learning their sounds.

Finally, a reminder about school uniform....no trainers for school and black shoes only please! Exceptions for short periods of time need to be communicated with me or Mrs Price. PE kits are black or navy shorts, leggings or tracksuits bottoms and a white polo shirt/t-shirt. We are currently in conversation with the uniform shop in Ripon to provide 'Moorside' blue hoodies with the school badge on for PE sessions/Forest schools. This will not be as a substitute to our school jumper, but will keep children warm in the outdoors when they are not in their uniform. They will also look really smart if you choose to buy one!

I hope that you all have a super week.

Best wishes,  
**Mrs Rowett**  
Headteacher

### **Travelling to and from School**

Following on from last week's newsletter, we continue to receive concerns from local residents regarding the safety of children arriving at school by car. If you are parking and entering through the Whitcliffe Grove entrance, please do not block our neighbour's drives, as they are then unable to enter/leave their homes. The school drive and car park is for STAFF ONLY. This is due to the fact that moving vehicles are a hazard when children are entering or leaving the school premises.

Also, children must not cycle or scooter on the school playground. We have previously had accidents on the playground and the reason that these rules are in place is to prevent any further incidents. If children are caught on their bikes or scooters on the playground, they will be asked not to bring them for the remainder of the half term. Children on bikes must wear helmets for safety. Thank you for supporting us to keep our children safe.

### **Eco News**

Many thanks to the four Year 6 Recyclers, who collected the paper for recycling last Friday. Together with Mrs Thompson and two Reception children, they took the paper to the school recycling container. This half term the team will be recycling every week, and next Friday will carry out an audit to see which classrooms need new recycling boxes for paper and pens.

The Friends of Hell Wath have asked for our help this **Saturday, 18th January** to plant a hedge of 400 native trees donated by the Woodland Trust. In time, this will extend the important wildlife habitat corridor running along the boundary of Hell Wath. Bring a spade and meet at the football changing rooms off Hell Wath Lane from 1.00pm, or join the planting on the bank until 3.00pm. Please wear suitable outdoor clothing, shoes and gloves and bring any food or drink you require. Children need to bring a responsible adult too. If you require any further information please ask Mrs Taylor-Connor.

### **Class Updates**

EYFS – The children in the EYFS will be learning about Polar Bears this week. We are finding out some facts about how and where they live, and will be writing some of the things we find out. We are consolidating working with numbers to 5; adding and subtracting, ordering and recognising the numerals.

Year 1 – This week in Maths we are starting to learning to read the time to o'clock and half past as well as ordering events that happen during the day - key words: hours and minutes. In Science, we are naming parts of the body and this links to our Keeping Healthy topic on PSHE - key word: senses. A food diary was sent home last week, and we will use these during our lesson about healthy food - key word: healthy. In Geography, we are learning the 4 countries that make up the UK - key word: country.

Year 2 – This week in Phonics we will be looking at rhyming letter patterns and how this can help us with spelling. In Literacy we will watch a clip of Antarctica and think about collecting a word bank which we can use to create a story setting. In Maths we are starting multiplication this week and we will begin by recognising and making equal sets, before moving on to adding equal sets. This will enable us to make the link between repeated addition and multiplication as well as commutativity. In Geography we will be exploring the countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom, as well as recalling the seven continents and the seas around the world. Wednesday is the 'Big Book Swap' so please bring in any books you would like to swap. We will also be making a start on the poetry competition as part of our Reading Month of

Madness and seeing if we have any budding performers in class! Our Word Aware words this week are equal, groups and rhyme.

Year 3 – This week in Year 3 we will be re-visiting our 3 times table as well as learning our 4 times with the inverse operation too. In Literacy, we will be using adverbs to enhance our sentences and will be introducing our new class text. On Tuesday, we will be having our topic launch, which will have different learning activities to excite us about our Tudor topic. PE is on Tuesday and Thursday so please make sure PE kits are in school for then. Thank you.

Year 4 – This week in Year 4, we will be starting to multiply and divide numbers by 10 and 100 in Maths, and linking this to place value. In Literacy we will be writing a report about our topic launch which will be taking place on Tuesday morning. During Science, we will be labelling different animals and comparing them to each other as a starting point for our new topic 'Living Things and their Habitats'. The children will be doing dance on Tuesday afternoon with Sam Rich, so please make sure they have their PE kit in school!

Year 5 – In Year 5, the children will be getting more acquainted with their text this term, Wolf Brother, through outdoor learning activities at Marrick Priory. Orienteering, night lines and archery are just some of the activities that will help the children to gain an understanding about 'exploring' and surviving in the wild! Their diary entries are sure to include emotive language, after they have pushed themselves to conquer new challenges. The children will also be taking part in a launch morning on Tuesday, where they will be re-enacting the Anglo-Saxon invasion on Britain.

Year 6 – This week, we will be launching our new **Explorers** topic... This will involve starting to read our class text 'Beowulf', as well as taking part in a launch morning on Tuesday, where we will be re-enacting the Anglo-Saxon invasion on Britain. We will also be completing the persuasive posters we started last week to raise awareness of the Australian bushfires. Keep an eye out for them around school! In Maths, we will be concluding our calculations topic by learning the order of operations and applying our calculation skills, before moving on to fractions. Please remember SATs club is on Tuesday afternoon straight after school until 4.30pm. If your child has not yet signed up and would like to attend, please just send a note into school or contact the school office. Word Aware key words: Invade, order, stalk, confront.

## Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.45	96.67	96.93	94.58	98.16	95.66	95.25

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.16	97.50	98.03	93.00	94.89	99.40	94.17

## Diary Dates

15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Year 5 – Residential to Marrick Priory
15 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	The Big Book Swap
20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Sponsored Reading Week
24 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Kawasaki Awareness Day – wear red to school
4 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Responsibilities Singing Workshop
7 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Maths Day – Further information to follow
11 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Safer Internet Day
11 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Valentine's Disco
14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Break-up for Half term