

MOORSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Friends

What a wild day it was on Friday for our visit to Fountains Abbey, to explore our local area! Our children were extremely resilient in the cold weather and did some super follow up work when they returned to school (a little earlier than planned because of the relentless rain, sleet and snow)! Thank you so much to our parent helpers and governors who joined us on the trip and to Mr Price and Mrs Taylor for organising the day.

This week, we are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day. Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character on Thursday, as they will be taking part in activities to grow their love of reading.

We know that children who read and write for pleasure are more able to develop the emotional literacy skills that they need to take control of situations where they might feel vulnerable. Reading broadens their vocabulary so they can express their feelings more accurately, whilst writing – whether that's stories, poems, a diary or even notes to friends – it gives them an outlet for their emotions. We have been kindly donated 4 copies of 'The Gateway - Children's Edition' by Gail Donan for you to win through one of our two competitions for parents. It's a brilliant book, which shares the journey to promote and improve children's mental health.

How can you win?

1) We would like you to suggest a song that you feel is uplifting and puts you in a great mood on our Facebook page post or by calling the school office with the song title.... our staff and governors will then vote for the winning song from your suggestions!

2) Create a poster or leaflet with ideas and strategies to support children with relaxing, including the benefits of reading for one's wellbeing, i.e. reducing stress, escapism, learning and empathising etc. It can be created on A4 electronically or free hand.



The winning poster (judged by our Chair of Governors) will be copied for use around school. We know we have some very creative parents, so look forward to receiving your entries! Please make sure that they are at the school office by Monday 9th March at 9am.

The children will also be taking part in a competition in school to create their own book character out of a cardboard loo roll tube! Please could you send as many cardboard loo rolls or kitchen rolls into school on Thursday...? Many thanks.

We made £301.00 from our Sponsored Read last month so look forward to ordering some lovely new books for our library and home-school reading books from Usbourne books with help from some of our children.



Finally.... we are opening up our 'Buddies' wrap around care to children in Nursery, now that we are in one building with an improved provision, such as a reading area, nurture den, laptops for homework and educational games, art and craft activities etc. As the weather improves, we will also re-develop our gardening and growing area too for Buddies children to attend to. If you would like to make enquiries for your child to attend, please contact Mrs Pawley at the school office.

Have a super week everyone!

Best wishes,

Mrs Rowett
Headteacher

Forest School

Forest School times from this week until the end of the Spring term are:

Wednesday morning- Year 2
Friday morning – Reception & Nursery
Friday afternoon - Year 1

Please ensure that your children are prepared to be outdoors with layers, wellies and waterproofs for these sessions.

Class Updates

EYFS – It's a busy week in the EYFS! We are exploring the Gingerbread Man and might be bringing home some tasty treats - providing we can write a shopping list and follow the recipe successfully! We are working on partitioning in Reception; working out how we can split a number into smaller numbers. On World Book Day, we will have a few surprises up our sleeves, so look out! Our Word Aware words are part, whole, river, fox and cook.

Year 1 – This week we are measuring length in Maths - using both standard and non-standard measures. In writing, we are looking at our new book 'Mabel's Magical Garden'. We will be focusing on the characters and using evidence from the text and pictures to infer thoughts and feelings. In Science, we are continuing to categorise animals. Our Word Aware words are: omnivore, herbivore, carnivore, measure, and evidence. Starting this week, our class will have Forest School sessions every Friday afternoon. Every Friday morning, your child will need to bring a full set of waterproofs (top and bottoms), warm layers including a hat and gloves and a pair of wellies. After the session, the children will come home in their Forest School kit. Please only bring in the Forest School kit on a Friday morning as we don't have space in the cloakroom for it to be stored all week.

Year 2 – Our Phonics this week is linked to our spellings and we are thinking about words with the 'u' phoneme which is spelt 'o'. In Literacy we will read a new story called 'Jim and the Beanstalk' where we will make links with our Science topic. We will be working towards writing our own sequel to the story and this week we will orally retell the story and look at how the characters change, as well as identifying what they are thinking and feeling at certain points in the story. We will use conjunctions to help expand our sentences. In Maths we are continuing with 2D shapes and this week we are investigating lines of symmetry, ways of sorting shapes and pattern making. In Forest School on Wednesday, Mrs Goss will start our Science topic on plants and we will start to think about what plants need to grow. In History we will organise key events in the journey of Robert Scott. On Thursday it is World Book Day and we are excited about dressing up as our favourite character and tackling some exciting activities. Our Word Aware words are symmetry, pattern and conjunctions.

Year 3 – This week in Year 3, we are completing our topic of multiplication and division in Maths. The children will be combining all the skills they have been exposed to, to solve problems practically as well as applying written methods. In History, the children will share their Fountains Abbey experience as we continue to learn more about Henry VIII. In Science, we will be carrying out an experiment about Plants and how they survive in different environments. Our Word Aware word is: environment.

Year 4 – This week in Year 4, we will be getting to grips with using written methods when multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers by 1 digit. In Literacy, we will be writing our newspaper articles all about the discovery of potatoes by Sir Walter Raleigh and in ICT we will be typing up reports about our trip to Fountains Abbey. In Science, we will be starting our new topic all about materials, with a main focus on the states of matter. In History, we will be developing our understanding of what happened when the dissolution of the monasteries occurred. Our Word Aware words this week are: dissolution, states of matter, product.

Year 5 – In Year 5 this week we will be writing our balanced argument ready to have a debate about whether the internet is harmful. We are looking forward to getting dressed up as our favourite book characters on World Book Day and doing activities linked to reading throughout the day. In Maths we will be continuing to complete multiplication activities, including some problem solving. Our Word Aware words are: method, artefact and argument.

Year 6 – We have started the week off this week by planning and writing a balanced argument to answer the question: **Does the internet do more harm than good?** We will be using the ideas from our writing to take part in a live debate with Year 5 on Wednesday morning to practise our debating skills. In PE today, we have started to develop our yoga skills to link with our work on mindfulness and relaxation. On Thursday, as part of our World Book Day activities, we will be using our Maths skills to collect and present data to show our favourite reading genres. Our Word Aware words are: genre, thanes, prevail, tenth, hundredth.

Attendance

To date:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.36	96.20	97.01	95.29	98.05	96.73	95.28

Last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.73	100.00	99.32	97.73	100.00	99.32	97.62

Minutes late last week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
5	8	45	50	0	4	5

Diary Dates

5 th March 2020	World Book Day (dress up as our favourite book characters)
9 th March 2020	KS1 visit to Tropical World
11 th March 2020	The Big Sing 2.00pm – KS1
9-13 th March 2020	Sports Relief activities
12 th March 2020	Science Day
w/c 23.3.20 and 30.3.20	Parent Consultations
Friday 3 rd April 2020	Break-up for Easter at 3.00pm
Monday 20 th April 2020	Return to School after Easter Holidays