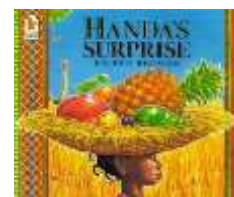
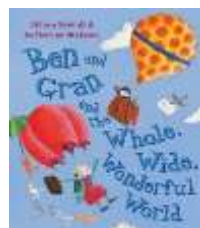
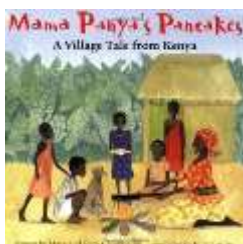


## Welcome to the Autumn Term in Key Stage 1!

Welcome to the Autumn term. We are now looking forward to a busy fun-filled term with new experiences and opportunities for learning! The school day will start at 8.50am and finish at 3.20pm for all children.

Some of the books that we will be reading linked to our learning are below - you might want to see if you can borrow a copy from Ripon library to read at home too!



### This term's learning across the curriculum....

This term our topic is 'Journeys'. In Geography lessons, we will be finding out about the country of Kenya and comparing aspects of life in Africa to life here in



the UK. In Science, Year 1 will be investigating 'Animals including humans' and will be learning all about the five senses and how they help us. Year 2 will investigate 'Animals in their habitats,' and will make observations of different animals and their habitats. Please see our

homework challenges and topic mat so that you can enjoy sharing our learning at home. We love to receive children's homework tasks to share with each other in class.



### Reading

Reading books will continue to be changed twice weekly on a Monday and Thursday in both Year 1 and 2. Please also ensure that your child is logging into Reading Eggs regularly at home.

### High 5 Readers



'Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's education performance.' We know how important reading is to the educational progress of our children. That is why we encourage children to read regularly in school and at home. Children who read 5 times a week at home are 'High Five Readers'; children regularly achieving this will be rewarded in school. Therefore, it is really important to note all home reading on your high 5 reading record.

## Spellings



Spellings are linked to our phonics and/or common exception words. Please ensure that your child is practising spellings - you will also find some strategies to help them on our website! We will check spellings every Friday and introduce new spellings for the following week. Year 1 will be introduced to weekly spelling tests towards the end of September.

## PE and Forest School

To limit the amount of things that children are bringing to and from school please send your child in their PE kit or Forest School kit on their allotted days.

Year 1 - PE **Wednesday** and Forest School **Friday**

Year 2 - PE **Monday** and **Thursday**

## Water bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school each day. Children's water bottles are emptied and refilled with fresh water daily.

## Marvellous Me

Please keep checking your Marvellous Me app and 'high five' us when you receive a positive message. We send a Marvellous Me to send you positive messages, information on classroom activities and badges. The children love seeing that their parents have seen their achievement with a 'high 5'. If you do not have access to Marvellous Me, please contact the school office for a sign up letter.

## Learning platforms

In KS1 children have access to online learning at all times and they would really benefit from using them whenever they have a bit of free time. Reading Eggs is a fun, on-line resource that helps children to develop their phonics and reading skills. We also have 'Fast Phonics' for the same purpose. Please encourage your child to continue to access the websites as they support their learning in school. It really does have a positive impact on their progress!

**Reading Eggs and Fast Phonics** - both accessed through Reading Eggs log in.

**Times Table Rockstars** - Maths

**Purple Mash** - a range of apps for free play and 2Do's set by teachers

Your child's log in details are written in their reading records. If you are having problems accessing any of these platforms please contact the school office.

As always, if you have any questions or queries about your child's learning or well being or require any support at all, please get in touch via the [admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk) email.

Many thanks for your continued support.

**The KS1 team**