

Welcome to the Summer Term in Key Stage 1!

We are looking forward to a busy fun-filled term with new experiences and opportunities for learning! The school day starts at 8.50am and finish at 3.20pm for all children in Years 1 and 2.

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

This term our topic is 'Our Changing World'.

Our key texts for literacy in Year 2 are *The Magic Faraway Tree* and *George's Marvellous Medicine*. Through exploring these texts, we will identify how different conjunctions join ideas together. We will also look at a range of punctuation including the use of speech marks.

In year 1, our key texts are 'Beegu' and 'Can't You Sleep Little Bear'. Through these texts, we will develop the children's understanding and use of punctuation. We will also be using the example texts to model how the children can develop their own use of vocabulary in their written work.



In Geography lessons, we will be comparing Ripon to the village of Hawes. We will be looking at human and physical features of both places. Developing our map reading and drawing skills will be a focus of our Geography and Forest School lessons this term.



In science, both year 1 and 2 will be investigating 'Materials'. Year 1 will be focussing on identifying materials and their properties. In year 2, the children will be looking at everyday materials and their uses.



Please see our topic mats for more information about the key knowledge and vocabulary that we will teach during the science and topic lessons.

A homework mat will be sent out this week for KS1 children; it contains a variety of exciting tasks to try at home. The children love to share their creations with each other in class and the staff are always impressed by the huge effort that is evident in their homework!

PE and Forest School

Please send your child in their PE kit or Forest School kit on their allotted days.

Year 1 - PE **Monday** and **Friday** (No Forest School until after half term)

Year 2 - PE **Tuesday** and Forest School **Friday**

Reading

Reading books will continue to be changed twice weekly on a Monday and Thursday in Year 1 and 2. Independent readers in year 2, will continue to change their book once a book review has been completed.

Library books will be changed weekly on a Tuesday in both years 1 and 2.



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 at home - there are some useful strategies to help with this on our school website! There will be a spelling test every Friday and new spellings will be introduced for the following week.



Year 1 continue to have spellings linked to their phonics sessions. They will be handed out on a Monday and then tested on the following Monday.

Water bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school. Children's water bottles are emptied and refilled with fresh water daily. Bottles will be sent home every Friday for you to clean and send back into school on Monday morning.

Marvellous Me

Please keep checking your Marvellous Me app and 'high five' us when you receive a positive message. The children love seeing that their parents have seen their achievement with a 'high 5'.

We use Marvellous Me to send you positive messages, information on classroom activities and reminders so it is very important that you have the app on your phone. If you do not have access to Marvellous Me, please contact the school office for a sign-up letter.

Learning platforms

In KS1, the children have access to online learning that they should access regularly to support their learning in school. It really does have a positive impact on their progress!

Reading Eggs and Fast Phonics - a fun, on-line resource that helps children to develop their phonics and reading skills.

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

TT Rockstars - a fun way of learning times tables for the year 2 children.

Your child's login 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 email.

Many thanks for your continued support.

The KS1 team