WELCOME BACK LOWER KEY STAGE TWO (LKS2) FOR THE SUMMER TERM!

Important information for the parents of children in Years 3 and 4

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely Easter with your families and had lots of fun. We have some exciting learning opportunities this term that we can't wait to share.

Our Lower Key Stage 2 Team:

Year 3 – Mr Price (Class Teacher) and Mrs Willock (Teaching Assistant)

Year 4 – Mrs Hunton and Mrs Plummer (Class Teachers) and Mrs Gath-Walker and Mrs Needham (Teaching Assistant)

This term's overarching theme is INVENTIONS and we will be launching into our new History topic, The Romans, with a fun-filled experience morning this week!

School day timings

School opens at 8.50 am and lessons start promptly at 9am. Please ensure that your child is on time, as their early morning activities are part of the curriculum.

Your child's class teacher will meet and greet the children as they come into the classroom. Please email admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk or telephone the school office to pass on any messages or if you'd like a call back from your child's class teacher. The end of the day is at 3:20pm and the children can be collected from outside their classroom door.

Reading

"Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary." – Jim Rohn.

We strongly believe that reading for pleasure plays a vital role in children's success in all aspects of learning and later life. Therefore, we insist that children read to an adult at home at least 5 times a week and we celebrate this regular reading with our High 5 Reader competition. Please continue to sign the reading record to indicate every time your child has read. Reading records will be checked weekly to record and celebrate High 5 Readers! It is important that children have their reading books and records in school everyday.

homework This term's homework grid has been shared along with this letter. Please encourage your child/ children to complete all of the challenges throughout the term as they will enhance and consolidate their learning in school. The challenges can be completed in any order and brought into school as they are completed to display in the classrooms. We love to receive all your great work! ☺

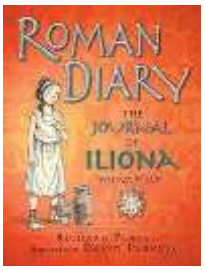
Reading Plus or Reading Eggs should continue to be used at home as often as possible to further support your child/children's reading. It has been proven that children make more rapid progress with their reading when accessing the program more regularly.

Times table Rockstars, which is an individualised program to support children in practising their tables, should also be used regularly at home to ensure children can confidently recall multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12. By the end of Year 4, children are expected to be able to instantly recall all table facts up to 12 x 12. Don't forget to complete your monthly Gig and keep going into Studio to get your rock status.

Topic

The theme of this term's topic is 'Inventions'. In History, we will be learning about '**The Romans**', developing an understanding of where Rome is, using maps to identify countries and producing timelines to show the History of The Romans. The children will also discover how Ancient Rome has an impact on us today. We will be learning about **Living Things and their Habitats** in Science lessons. The children will combine Forest Schools (Y3) with in class learning to discover how many different animals adapt to their habitats. Our learning will be reinforced by a trip to Harlow Carr. The topic mat provides the knowledge, vocabulary and key texts for this term, for you to share your child's/children's learning and support them at home.

Our Class Texts



This term, we will be reading the text "Dairy of a Roman Slave". Through reading this inspiring story, we will explore Historical features that link into our History learning. As our History topic this term is The Romans, this provides lots of opportunities to explore what it was like in Roman times.

PE

Year 3 have FOREST SCHOOLs on **Wednesday** and swimming on **Friday** this term. **Year 4** have PE on **Wednesday** and **Friday** this term.
We ask that they come to school dressed in their PE kit or suitable Forest School clothing.
PE kit is black or navy jogging bottoms, shorts or leggings, a white t-shirt and their Moorside hoodie. They will also need appropriate footwear for outdoor PE. This should not be school shoes.

What to bring…

Please ensure children bring a NAMED **water bottle**. **Reading books** and **book bags** can come into school each day.

Absence from school.

If your child is unable to attend school, please let us know as soon as possible. It is very important that your child's attendance does not fall below 96%. There is evidence that progress is slowed when attendance is inconsistent. Let's aim for 100% attendance in our classes as much as we can!

Marvellous Me

We love to send messages home to keep you updated about your child's achievements in school. Please make sure that you are signed up to Marvellous Me and don't forget to 'High 5' us! If you are not currently signed up, please contact Mrs Pawley in the school office and she will support you with this!

As always, we thank you for all your continued support and look forward to the exciting term ahead!
The Year 3 and 4 Team.