



Themed Days and Weeks at Moorside Primary School and Nursery Spring 2026

2026 - The National Year of Reading

Cultural Capital: Experiences and accumulation of Knowledge to broaden their skills and understanding about themselves and others (cultural competence- the ability to understand communicate with and effectively interact with people across cultures)

Fundamental British Values: Serving our community, truth and justice, democracy, tolerance and peace, individual liberty, mutual respect

Our whole school theme - **INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE**

The National Year of Reading 2026 has been announced by the Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson, as a collaborative effort between the Department for Education and the National Literacy Trust. This initiative is set to launch in January 2026 and aims to reverse the trend of declining reading enjoyment among children and young people, which has reached alarming levels in recent years.

Goals and Objectives

The campaign seeks to:

- Foster a Love of Reading: Encourage children and young people to read for pleasure, which is linked to numerous benefits, including improved writing skills, better mental well-being, and higher future earnings.
- Engage Communities: Bring together parents, schools, libraries, businesses, and literacy experts to create a supportive environment for reading.
- Combat Declining Literacy Rates: Address the urgent need for improved literacy skills, as many children leave primary school without meeting expected reading standards.

Theme day(s)	Purpose	Dates and number of days	Lead planner
January- Month of Reading Madness To start the new year with new reading habits!	SPRING TERM 2026 There is a separate weekly plan throughout the month of January to share reading tasks, activities and events to celebrate books, authors and grow a love of reading through exposure to new texts and time and space to enjoy them.	Start date - 6.1.26 Launch End date 6 th February	
Month of Reading Madness <i>Serving our Community</i>	Promoting reading for enjoyment through a range of authors, poetry and book activities and events. Reading to support our well being. Sharing books together - reading to each other <i>Library visits, reading competitions, poetry reading,, book swaps etc.</i>	6.1.26-6.2.26	Helen Jemmett Supported by all staff
National Storytelling week Cultural Capital (READING)	31st January - 7th February is National Storytelling week; an annual event which aims to raise awareness of this ancient form of entertainment. A range of story-telling events focusing on stories from other cultures around the	As part of the Month of	Jess Hunton and Helen Jemmett

madness final week) Mutual Respect Influential People	world, and activities will promote children's love of reading. Traditional stories / Stories from diverse cultures - BBC Teach	Reading Madness	
Children's Mental Health week Serving our Community	Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week - Official site The theme for Children's Mental Health Week 2026 is 'This is My Place', and our aim is to support the systems around children and young people to help them feel they belong. Refresh and review of all the ways that our school community supports us to stay mentally healthy. School sharing of our everyday practice with children and parents.	Wc 9 th February 2026	Sally Price and Gemma Plummer (PHSCE)
Safer Internet Day - ICT Diversity	Safer Internet Day (SID) 2026 will be marked by a global day of focus on Tuesday, 10 February 2026 , and events and activities will take place throughout the whole month , across Europe and the globe! Under the theme of "Together for a better internet", this annual celebration calls upon all stakeholders to join together to make the internet a safer and better place for all, especially for children and young people (Link to how safety on the internet links to mental health - children's mental health week)	10.2.26	Paul Price (InternetSafety)
Tell a Fairy Tale Day	Just like a fairy tale itself, the internet's history of National Tell a Fairy Tale Day is filled with wonders and surprises. It all began on February 26, 2016, when fairy tale enthusiasts from all corners of the web came together to dedicate a day to the timeless art of storytelling. Social media platforms were abuzz with hashtags like #FairyTaleDay and #OnceUponATime as people shared their favorite tales and celebrated the joy of spinning imaginative narratives.	26.2.26	Helen Jemmett
World Book Day (Reading) Linked to Month of Reading Madness	Celebrating our favourite books and Authors, sharing our recommended reads and becoming a character for the day to immerse ourselves in stories and grow a love of reading.	5.3.26	
Science week launch (SCIENCE) Cultural Capital	British Science week - .Whole school science investigations based on science in our everyday lives! Efficient use of household products for real life purposes. Opportunities to work with other children across the school to improve our questioning skills and understanding the process of carrying out fair tests.	6-15 March 2026	Michelle
ART Week - Every Child an Artist .	Our Natural World. Celebrating Spring and our environment! Every child an artist through.....artistic style TBC	Wc 17.3.26 (To showcase at events on 27 th and 28 th March)	Georgia Padbury-Hunt
Assessment week	NTS assessments, Rising Stars SPAG and writing assessments to be reported to parents Summer 1 2026	W/c	Claire Rowett, Michelle Ryder and Helen Jemmett