



Welcome to the Autumn Term 2024 in Key Stage 1!

We are very excited to welcome you all to Year 1 and 2 for the start of the school year 2024!

We are looking forward to a busy fun-filled term with new experiences and opportunities for learning!

Staffing: Mrs Jemmett is the Year 1 teacher with support from Mrs Allen and Miss Lile. Miss Riley is the Year 2 teacher. Mrs Jennings is supporting in both Year 1 and 2.

The school day The school day starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3.20pm for all children in Years 1 and 2.



Morning routine: Children line up in their classes on the playground at 8.50am ready to come into school. Class teachers collect the children from the playground and welcome them with a morning handshake as they walk into school.

End of the day: Children are dismissed individually out the same door they entered in the morning. A member of staff will hand each child over to their adult. Please update permission for who can collect your child via office if you are unable to collect. We must ensure we have your consent for anyone other than parents/ registered guardians to collect the children.

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

This term our overarching topic is 'Our Changing World'.



In year 1, we will be exploring the stories of 'The Bog Baby' and 'Toby and the Great Fire of London'. Whilst exploring these texts, we will start to learn all about capital letters, full stops and adjectives.



Our key texts for literacy in **Year 2** are 'Meerkat Mail' and 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London'. Through exploring these texts, we will identify how vocabulary, grammar and punctuation is used to create different reading experiences and deliver entertaining narratives. The children will then learn how to use these techniques in their own writing.



This term's history topic is HOMES FROM THE PAST. We launched into our topic on Tuesday with an exciting experience afternoon where the children were introduced to some real-life items and experiences from homes in the past. As we further explore homes from the past, we would welcome any visitors from family members or friends of the community to share their experiences/photos of their homes as a child. We are certain our children will come up with lots of interesting questions to ask! Please contact the school office admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk if you can help us. We thank you in anticipation of your support!



Year 1 will be investigating 'Animals including humans' this term, learning all about the five senses and how they help us. **Year 2** will investigate 'Animals in their habitats'.

Please see our topic mats for more information about the key knowledge and vocabulary.

HOMEWORK 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 always evident in their homework! We love to display their brilliant work too to inspire others and celebrate their efforts!



★ **PE and Forest School**

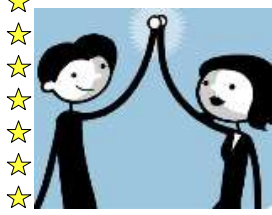
★ Please send your child in their PE kit or Forest School kit on their allotted days. *Any changes will be sent via email and Marvellous Me.*

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

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

★ **Reading**

★ Reading books will be changed twice weekly on a Monday and Thursday in both Years 1 and 2. As we read daily in school, it is important that the children bring their reading book with them every day. Please also ensure that your child is logging into Reading Eggs regularly at home as this helps with their progress; login details can be found in their reading records. Library books will be changed weekly on a Tuesday in Year 2 and on a Monday in Year 1.



★ **High 5 Readers** Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance. We know how important reading is to the 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 in children's reading records. Records will be checked every Monday to identify those who have read 5 times the previous week.

★ **Spellings**

★ Spellings are linked to our phonics and/or common exception words. Please ensure 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 Monday and new spellings will be introduced for the following week.



★ **Year 2** have been given their first set of spelling words for this week!

★ **Year 1** will start their weekly spelling tests at the start of the Spring term in January 2025.

★ **What to bring EVERY DAY**

★ **Outdoor waterproof coat, water bottle, reading book and record & spelling book (Y2).**

★ Please ensure all items are named! 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.

★ 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

