



## Welcome to Lower Key Stage Two (LKS2) for the Autumn Term!

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

Welcome Back! We hope that you have had a lovely Summer break with your families. 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 & Mrs Willock

**Year 4** - Mrs Hunton, Mrs Plummer & Mrs Gath-Walker

This term's overarching theme is **CHANGES OVER TIME**, and we will be launching into our new History topic, **THE STONE AGE**, 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](mailto: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.

**3:20**

#### 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 encourage all children to read to an adult at home at least 5 times a week. 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 every day.

## 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 and celebrate 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.

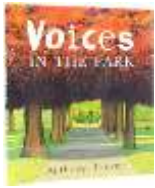


Times table Rockstars, which is an individualised program to support children in practising their tables, should also be used regularly at home to ensure children can confidently recall multiplication and division facts. By the end of Year 4, all children are expected to be able to instantly recall all table facts up to 12 x 12.

## Topic

In History lessons, we will be learning about **The Stone Age to the Iron Age**, focussing on who they were, what their lifestyle was like and how this has impacted on history through time. We will be learning about **Electricity** in Science lessons. This will include creating and changing circuits using batteries, wires and bulbs. The topic mat provides the knowledge, vocabulary and key texts for this term. Please encourage your children to share this with you at home. ☺

## Our Class Texts



This term, we will be reading the texts "**Stig of the Dump and Voices in the Park**". Stig of the Dump explores themes of friendship, acceptance, and the power of imagination. Through the main character Barney's bond with Stig, readers are reminded of the importance of looking beyond appearances and embracing the uniqueness of others. This is an exciting text, which links in perfectly with our Stone Age topic. It is also a Year 4 Recommended read. In Voices in the Park four different voices tell their own versions of the same walk in the park. The radically different perspectives give a fascinating depth to this simple story which explores many of the author's key themes, such as alienation, friendship and the bizarre amid the mundane.



## PE



**Year 3 and Year 4** have PE on **Wednesday and Friday** this term.

On the days children have PE lessons, we also ask that they come to school dressed in their PE kit.

*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** should 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.**