



Welcome to Upper Key Stage Two AUTUMN 2024



Information for parents of children in Years 5 and 6

WELCOME BACK! We hope you all had a lovely restful Summer! We are all extremely excited about our first term of the school year and all the exciting learning opportunities!

Our Upper Key Stage 2 Team:

Year 5 - Miss Ryder, Miss Lee & Mrs Jennings

Year 6 - Miss Padbury-Hunt, Mrs Bailey & Mrs Needham

School Day Timings

School opens at 8.50am and registers are completed by 9am. Please ensure children are on time so their morning tasks can be started promptly. The morning tasks, which are part of the curriculum, are organised to settle children into the day. Children enter and leave school via their classroom fire door. Year 6 children are able to walk to and from school without a parent if written permission is provided. Please continue to 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.

Reading and Homework

Reading books and records should come home daily. Please ensure your child reads and discusses their book at least 5 times a week, and log all reading in reading records to ensure your child/children achieve the HIGH 5 READER AWARD each week! We strongly value the importance of reading as studies have shown that daily reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance. Homework challenges will be sent home this week with a menu of activities to further develop and embed the children's knowledge relating to their current learning in school. We really love receiving their work to share with the class and put on display.

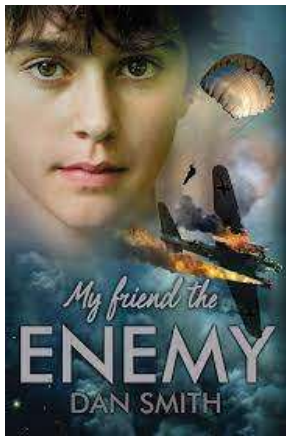
Your child will receive a list of weekly spellings to learn at home, as well as in school (the spelling lists are also available on the school website). Please help your child to learn their spellings, ready for their test on a Monday morning.



Children are also expected to use Reading Plus at least twice a week at home, to ensure they complete the 5 stories and 1 vocabulary challenge which they are set each week; the majority of the tasks are completed in school. TimesTable Rockstars should also be used regularly at



home to support children in practising their times tables recall. All children in Years 5 and 6 should be able to confidently recall facts up to 12 x 12, along with corresponding division facts. Please see your child's reading diary for their log in details.



Our Topic

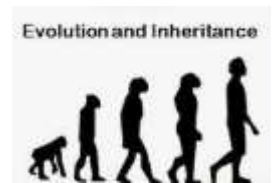
Our whole school theme this term is '**Changes Over Time**'. The topic mat, also sent home along with this letter, shares the knowledge, vocabulary and key texts for this term. **We will be learning about Evolution and Electricity in Science lessons and World War Two in History lessons**, comparing similarities and differences between life then and now. We are launching our history topic with a visit from the author of our class text MY FRIEND THE ENEMY (linked to our WW2 learning) next Monday 9th September. Dan Smith will share a presentation with the children about the inspiration for his book, followed by a question and answer session! We can't wait for this fantastic opportunity!

Science and Forest School



We have 2 science topics this term: Evolution & Inheritance and Electricity. Mrs Goss will be teaching Evolution and Inheritance through her Forest School

sessions with Year 6 in the first half term and then Year 5 in the second half. Electricity will be taught in class for the year group not doing Forest School. Learning about electricity and how to make circuits work is always such fun and the children enjoy the great practical sessions!



PE / Swimming / Forest School

Year 6

Forest School - Wednesday

PE - Monday

Year 5

Swimming - Friday

PE - Monday



****Updates on changes to PE and swimming sessions for after half term will be sent via email and text at the beginning of the second half term.****

Administration of medicines

If your child requires medication at school, you must complete an administration of medication form which is available in the office. We can administer prescribed medication, supplied in a named container with instructions. If your child has an inhaler, it must be named and in school at all times.

Marvellous Me

We love to send messages home to keep you updated about your child's/children's achievements in school. Please make sure that you are signed up to Marvellous Me and don't forget to 'High 5' us!



Thank you very much for your continued support,

The Year 5 and 6 Team! ☺