

Welcome back for the Spring Term 2025 in Key Stage 1!

We are very excited to welcome you all back after the Christmas break. We hope you had a restful start to the new year and are excited to start back in 2025!

Staffing

The staffing remains the same in Key Stage 1, with Mrs Jemmett as the Year 1 teacher, Miss Riley as the Year 2 teacher and Mrs Jennings supporting across both Years 1 and 2. Mrs Plummer is working in Y1 on a Wednesday to cover PPA and leadership time. We have a new supply teacher in school called Mrs Lawson-Ross, who is also getting to know all the children and the team, to provide support in any staff absence.

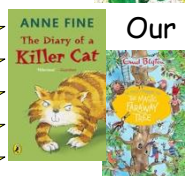
The school day The school day starts at **8.50am** and finishes at **3.20pm** for all children in Years 1 and 2.

The morning and end of day routines remain the same: each morning, children line up on the playground in their classes ready to be greeted by their teacher, and at the end of the day they leave by the same door with each child individually handed over to their adult. Please update permission for who can collect your child via the 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 theme is '**Diversity**' with a focus on **GEOGRAPHY!** Please see our topic mats for more information about the key knowledge and vocabulary.

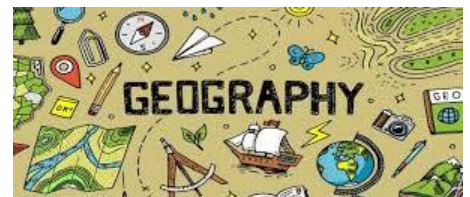


In year 1, we will be exploring the stories of 'The Tiger in the Garden', 'The Tiny Seed' and 'The Great Kapok Tree'. Whilst exploring these texts, we will continue to embed and deepen our understanding and use of capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks, question marks and adjectives.



Our key texts for literacy in Year 2 are 'Diary of a Cat Killer' and 'The Magic Faraway Tree'. Through exploring these texts, we will identify how vocabulary, grammar and punctuation are used to create intended reading experiences and deliver entertaining narratives. The children will then learn how to use these techniques in their own writing.

This term's **Geography** topic is the UK and their Capital Cities in Year 1 and the World's Continents and Oceans in Year 2. We launched into our topic today with an exciting experience afternoon where the children investigated where in world they live and what makes their place in the world special to them!



Year 1 will be investigating 'Plants' and continuing to explore 'Seasonal Changes' in science lessons this term, learning all about the five senses and how they help us. **Year 2** will investigate 'Animals including humans.'



HOMWORK A homework mat will be sent out this week for KS1 children; it contains a variety of exciting tasks to enhance their learning 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 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 the following days: ★

★ **Year 1** – PE on Wednesdays and Forest school on Fridays ★

★ **Year 2** – PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays ★

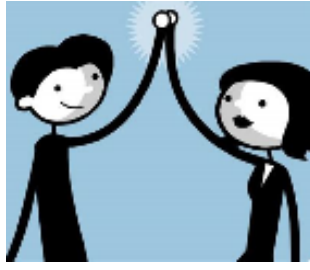
★ Any changes will be sent via email and Marvellous Me. Please check the school website if you are unsure of the required kit. ★

★ ****Please ensure children do not come to school wearing earrings on these days. **** ★

★ **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 all 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 educational progress of our children. That is why we insist children read regularly at home, as well as in school. Children who read 5 times a week at home are awarded the 'High Five Reader Award.' Therefore, it is important to note all home reading in children's reading records. Records are checked every Monday. It is great to see a variety of texts being read by children at home, in addition to their school reading books. Nurturing a child's love of reading is vital to ensure they become fluent readers. ★

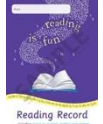


★ **Spellings** ★



★ 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 1 will now start weekly spelling tests to consolidate phonics learning from the Autumn term.** ★

★ **What to bring EVERY DAY** Each day, children need an outdoor waterproof coat, water bottle, reading book and record & spelling book. Some days, children may require hats, scarfs and gloves in addition to their warm winter coats. *Please ensure all items brought into school are named! Bottles will be sent home every Friday to be cleaned.* ★



★ **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'. **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** ★

