

WELCOME BACK LOWER KEY STAGE TWO (LKS2) FOR THE SPRING TERM!

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

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas with your families and had lots of fun. 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 (Class Teacher) and Mrs Willock (Teaching Assistant)

Year 4 - Mrs Hunton and Mrs Plummer (Class Teachers) and Mrs Gath-Walker and Mrs Tiffany (Teaching Assistant)

This term's overarching theme is **DIVERSITY** and we will be launching into our new Geography topic, **GHANA**, 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 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 should be collected from outside their classroom door.



Reading

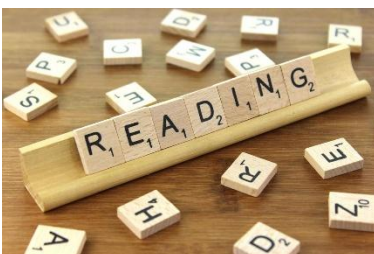
"Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary." - Jim Rohn.



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 insist that children read to an adult at home at least 5 times a week and 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 everyday.

homework

This term's homework challenges have 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 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 up to 12×12 . By the end of Year 4, children are expected to be able to instantly recall all table facts up to 12×12 . Don't forget to complete your monthly Gig and keep going into Studio to get your rock status.

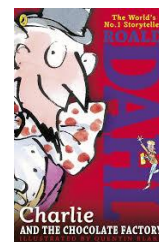


Curriculum

The theme of this term's topic is **Diversity**. In Geography lessons, we will be learning about **Ghana**, focussing on types of settlements, land use, farming and Fair Trade as well as looking at the affects the different climate has. We will be learning about **States of Matter and Rocks** in Science lessons. 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 text "**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**". Charlie and the Chocolate Factory explores themes of kindness, hope and family as well as family and greed. The book is about the adventures of Charlie Bucket inside the chocolate factory of the eccentric chocolatier Willy Wonka where we will explore the idea that a person will in time be on the receiving end of the way they treat others. This is an exciting text and is also a Year 4 Recommended read.



PE



Year 3 have FOREST SCHOOLS on **Wednesday** and PE on **Friday** this term. **Year 4** have FOREST SCHOOLS on **Friday** and PE on **Wednesday** this term. We ask that they come to school dressed in their PE kit or suitable Forest School clothing. 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 can 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.