



**WELCOME BACK YEAR 5 and 6**  
**Happy New Year! We hope you are looking forward to the Spring term.**

Important information for the parents of children in Years 5 and 6

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas with your families. We have some exciting learning opportunities this term that we can't wait to share.

**Our Upper Key Stage 2 Team:**

**Year 5** - Miss Ryder, Monday Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Morning and Miss Lee, Thursday afternoon and Fridays (Class Teachers)

**Year 6** - Miss Padbury-Hunt

This term's overarching theme is **DIVERSITY** and we will be starting our new Geography topic, **Natural Disasters** with an exciting launch event 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 would 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.

Reading

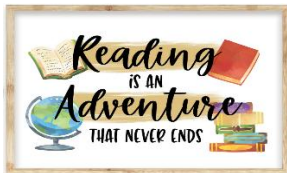
*"Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary." - Jim Rohn.*



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 every day.

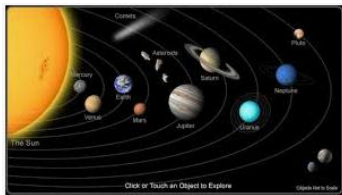
This term's homework challenges will be shared along with this letter. Please encourage your child/ children to complete all the challenges throughout the term as they will enhance and consolidate their learning in school. The challenges can be completed in any order and brought into school as they are completed to display in the classrooms. We love to receive all your great work and see what has sparked the children's interests.





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.

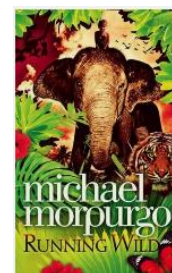
## Curriculum



The theme of this term's topic is **Diversity**. In Geography lessons, we will be learning about **Natural Disasters**, learning about earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes. We will explore how these events happen by understanding more about the movement of tectonic plates, the impact these events have on people and environments as well as how communities prepare for and recover from natural disasters. We will be learning about **Earth and Space and Forces** 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 Text

This term, we will be reading the text **Running Wild**, by **Michael Morpurgo**. The book is about a family trying to make a new start by moving to live in Indonesia. Michael Morpurgo based his book on real life events following the family's exciting adventures.



## PE



**Year 5** have PE on **Wednesdays and Fridays** this term.

**Year 6** have PE on **Mondays and Thursdays**

We ask that children 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 that your child brings a **NAMED water bottle to school every day**.

**Reading books, reading record books and book bags** must 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 important that your child's attendance does not fall below 96%. There is evidence that progress is slowed when attendance is inconsistent. Let us 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 do not 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 5 and 6 team**