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Moorlands Primary School Curriculum
Language + questioning = communication
Nurturing values and communication

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a short half term but an eventful one in the life of a school. Year 6 have completed their Key Stage 2 SATs test, the first Year 6 to do this since 2019. Year 6 showed perseverance and dedication in this week, they should be proud of all the effort they put in. Year 2 over the last 2 weeks have completed their Key Stage 1 challenges. The staff of Moorlands are incredibly proud of these two year groups. As part of their Science topic on habitats, Year 1 visited the RSPB site at Sandwell Valley, they were able to put their scientific knowledge into practice.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

On the last day of this half term, the whole school took part in celebrating this historical moment. Children and staff were dressed in red, white and blue. The school has been involved over the last week exploring the decades that the Queen has been on the throne. Each class took a different decade and in the afternoon, each class presented their knowledge to each other; this involved singing, presentations and dancing. The children even took part in some royal games before finishing the afternoon off with a picnic.

Thank you to all the children that took part in Jubilee Competition, we were amazed at the range of creative ideas that the children brought in.

Enrichment visits – an exciting end to the academic year

After half term there are a range of visits organised: Year 2 will be going on a visit, Reception are going to the Sycamore Adventure Centre developing their team working skills and gross motor skills, Year 5 are going to Safeside in Birmingham as part of the school's work on 'Keeping yourself safe' and Year 5 and 6 have Bikeability towards the end of the term.

On the 21st June, the choir are performing at Lichfield Cathedral as part of the Music Share concert with other local primary schools. On the 22nd June, some pupils across Years 3 to 6 are performing in the 'Commonwealth Concert' at Wednesbury Town Hall.

School uniform

Please ensure that children are in school uniform as this promotes attitudes to learning, inclusion and equality for all.

Read Write Inc.

'We learn to read to that we read to learn'

Children from Reception – Year 2, and some children in Year 3 and 4 receive daily phonics using the Read Write Inc. programme. As part of this they take home 3 books at a time – this is either part of the 3 or 5 day programme. Could you please ensure that these books come back into school so that other children have the opportunity to read them when they are on the same level. Could you please check at home if you still have any of these books as our stock of books have declined slightly and they are expensive to replace. Thank you for your support with this. If you want anymore information about how you can support your child with reading please see Mrs Williams the Reading Leader or have a look on the school's website.



Year 1 – Phonic Screening Check

First week back after half term Year 1 will be completing the phonic screening check. It is extremely important that your child is in school so that we can support them in completing this challenge. The children have worked so hard on their phonics using the Read Write Inc programme. The children have commented on how much they enjoy phonics and the books that they get to read, they particularly like Fred the frog that helps them along the way.

Year 4

The Multiplication Checker test commences in June for all Year 4 pupils across the country. Use Sound Check on TT Rockstars to help prepare your child for this. Focus on one multiplication table at a time. See the maths area of the school website for more information. Please support your child with their multiplication knowledge over half term to ensure they are ready for the checker when they return.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available daily from 7.45-8.45 am; this is run by Mrs Smith and Mrs Lunn. The children are provided with cereal, toast and a drink followed by activities. This costs £3.00 per day which is payable on the day and there is no need to book.

Sustainability

As part of our sustainability work in school and trying to reduce waste, our newsletters and additional letters are now put on the website with a link texted to parents. If you do require a paper copy of any of these letters, please contact the school office.

Website

Take a look at our school website for information about classes, subjects and photos. Class and curriculum pages give you an insight into what the pupils are learning.



Parking

Can we please be mindful of where we park at the start and end of the school day. Residents have complained about their drives being blocked at these times and have contacted the police in regards to parking.

Safeguarding helplines and advice

Black Country's Women Aid 9-5pm Monday to Friday 0121 553 0090, 24-hour helpline 0121 552 6448
Childline 0800 1111

Support concerning food 0121 569 2266. Website: www.sandwell.gov.uk/ifo/200354/coronavirus

Confidential advice around benefits or budgeting 0121 569 3158. Website:
welfarerights_team@sandwell.gov.uk

More well-being advice is available on our website: www.moorlandsprimariesch.co.uk



National Online Safety

Staff and pupils have worked hard to become an accredited school of the National Online Safety. We still have one part left and need your help. Take the parent online safety course 2021-2022 through National Online Safety to help us complete our accreditation and achieve the National Online Safety school badge. The course will provide you with information about how you can help to keep your children safe online.

To join the Moorlands account on National Online Safety and take the Online Safety course, please follow:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/moorlands-primary-school-b71>

Attendance

It is important that your child attends school every day.

Attending school every day = 100% attendance.

Attending 4 ½ days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year.

Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year or 2 full years missed over the course of their school career.

Attending 3 ½ days each week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed.

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school.

As part of attendance procedures if your child's attendance is below 93% the school requires medical evidence when your child is absent.

How we manage lateness: The school doors open at 8.40 am; children arrive at their staggered time depending on year group (8:40 am Reception, Year 2,4, 6 and 8:45am Year 1, 3 and 5). Registers are marked by 9:00 am and your child will receive a late mark if they are not in by that time.

Governors update

So many parents work with us positively to ensure that there is a good partnership between staff and parents. We know that this is successful in supporting the well-being and academic achievement of pupils.

However the Governing Body of Moorlands Primary School would like to remind all parents that we have zero tolerance towards aggressive, violent and abusive behaviour towards staff in our school and other parents.

P.E. days

Year 5 and 6 Gymnastics on a Thursday, please come to school in school uniform. For Gymnastics, children will need shorts or leggings and a t-shirt that can be tucked in.

Years 1 and 2 Albion Foundation on a Thursday, children will need shorts or joggers, a t-shirt and a jumper for if it is cooler.

Year 3 will have P.E. on a Wednesday, children will need shorts or leggings, a t-shirt and pumps. This will be in the hall. Earrings will need to be removed for P.E. and hair tied back.

Year 4 will have swimming for the summer term, their last session is Tuesday 12th July.

Sports Day

Sports day will be held on Thursday 30th June for Year 1,2,3,4 and 6, this will be a range of events that all children will participate in. Year 5 who are on a visit that day will have their sports day on the afternoon of, Thursday 7th July. The Albion Foundation will be supporting on these two days.

Reception and Little Learners will be holding their sports day on Wednesday 13th July in the morning. Times of the each year group will be sent after half term.

Year 6 Events

Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th July Transition Days at secondary school for most pupils, the secondary school will have contacted parents if this is different

Tuesday 12th July Cinema visit (please note a change of date)

Friday 15th July, will be Year 6's Leavers Disco which will be from 5-7.00 pm.

Monday 18th July Leavers' performance in the afternoon 2.00 pm

Tuesday 19th July Leavers performance in the evening 6.00 pm

Thursday 21st July Afternoon Refreshments for parents and children 1.45 pm, to say farewell to the class of 2022

Out of School Achievements: Does your child have a talent / received an award that you want to share with the rest of the Moorlands' school community? If so let us know.

Congratulations goes to Amina in Year 1 and Hajar in Year 3, who have been learning French outside of school, this is such an important skill to have and helps with understanding grammar. Jack in Year 4 who attends Cubs at St James' Church has been promoted to a Sixer, he has also been working hard to achieve a range of different badges.

Dates for the diary:

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June Half term

Monday 6th June – pupils return to school

Friday 1st July – Training day – school closed to pupils

Wednesday 13th July – Parents open evening – no appointments necessary

Thursday 21st July – school closes at 3.10 pm for all pupils

Monday 5th September – Autumn term starts for pupils and staff at 8.45 am.

Training Days 2022-2023

Monday 3rd October 2022

Tuesday 4th October 2022

Monday 24th July 2023

Tuesday 25th July 2023

1 more training day to be confirmed.

Mrs K.Roberts Head Teacher

In the summer term 2023 school ends on Friday 21st July

