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

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Staff and Governors would like to wish you a Happy Easter. The Easter bonnet parade was a beautiful sight; due to the weather, each class was able to show off their creative designs to each other. The Easter scenes were also just as creative and showed off the children's imagination. The Science exhibition for children in Key Stage 2 really gave our budding Scientists chance to shine and showcase their scientific knowledge- thank you to everyone that took part.

Staffing updates

Mr Reilly, will be leaving Moorlands at Easter after 2.5 years at the school. Mr Reilly has secured a promotion to co-headship at a primary school in Staffordshire, they are incredibly lucky to have such a committed and dedicated teacher join them. All the staff and governors wish him the best of luck as he starts this new chapter in his life. Moorlands will miss him but we know that he will go on to inspire the children of his new school. Miss Sharma, will be the class teacher in Year 4 for the remainder of the year.

School Values

The school value that children will be learning about in the summer term is equality and the importance of diversity and inclusivity. School assemblies and parts of our school curriculum continuously develop children's understanding of this.

Moorlands Curriculum

Language, communication and questioning lies at the heart of the Moorlands curriculum design with Teaching and Learning based on the Rosenshine Principles of teach, review and revisit skills and knowledge. Our aim is for children to leave us being able to articulate and question effectively so that they are ready for the next part of their educational journey.

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.

Commonwealth Project

Some pupils in Key Stage 2 are part of the Commonwealth project and are working with other local schools. Some children are developing their own events and are part of the P.E. Changemaker group, other children are part of the Dance group who will perform at Wednesbury Town Hall in June and some children are developing Art work which will be displayed behind the dancers on this night.

The power of the community

A big thank you to everyone who donated items for the Ukraine appeal. These have been successfully delivered to areas of need. The response really showed the power of the Moorlands community spirit – thank you.



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 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>

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.

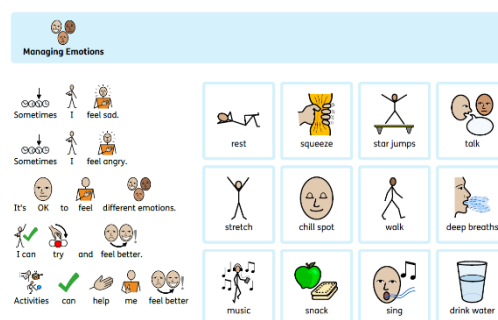
However the Governing Body of Moorlands Primary School would like to remind all parents that we have zero tolerance towards aggressive, violent and abusive behaviour towards staff in our school and other parents.

Speech, Language and Communication

Communication and speaking with your child is one of the best ways to support their development. See the attached link to find resources to help language development at home:

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/#3>

Children sometimes struggle to communicate through words. Visuals are used to support communication throughout school. Please see the SEN part of the school website for visual resources that can be printed to use at home.



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.

Year 2

Year 2 will be completing their assessments in the month of May so it is important that the children are attending school. We approach these tests with the children as being challenges and quizzes. If you have any concerns about these please speak to Mrs Williams

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.



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 starting on **Tuesday 3rd May**.

School uniform

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

Year 6

SATS week Monday 9th May – Friday 13th May. It is important that your child is in school, refreshments will be provided in the morning before each assessment.

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

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 Lola and Kate in Year 4 who will be dancing in Disneyland, Paris in October. Lola in Year 3, Beau and Darcie in Year 5 have been competing in Dance competitions this month. This includes slow solo and duo street pairing dancing. Amina in Year 1 and Hajar in year 4 have learnt the whole Arabic alphabet and are able to read it from right to left, which is great achievement and shows their commitment to learning.

Dates for the diary:

Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April Easter holidays

Monday 25th April – Pupils back at school

Monday 2nd May – May Day, school is closed

Thursday 5th May – Local Elections, school is closed to pupils

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June Half term

Friday 1st July – Training day (subject to change)

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

Mrs K.Roberts Head Teacher