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

School value this term chosen by Year 6 - PEACE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term seems to have gone by so quickly. Thank you to all the parents that made an appointment for our telephone parents' meeting. This term, Year 4 has visited Ingestre Hall for a Narnia day and Year 6 had a Safeguarding Day which included workshops on drug awareness, anti-social behaviour, identity and police. The school celebrated National Online Safety day (see below for the link to the online platform) last week which focused on demonstrating respect when online. Year 6 have received a letter from David Attenborough thanking them for the persuasive writing they had done on Climate change.

National Online Safety link: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/moorlands-primary-school-b71>

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; there is no need to book.

Magic Breakfast

Children have the opportunity to have a bagel as they come into school in a morning; the children are enjoying this. These will be available in the classroom for any child to help themselves to until 9.05 am.

Book Recommendation

Guransh's recommendation is 'Wondescape' by Jennifer Bell, it is like a virtual game where historical heroes help you to escape. Mrs Roberts is now currently reading this.

Year 2 recommends 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson, they have been inspired by her books and have written their own versions.

If you have a book that you want to recommend to a child in school, please let us know.

Phonics: Reminder – children should be bringing home 3 book: a paper book bag book (which is the story they have read in school), a second book that children can read on their own which is based on the phonics they have learnt in the lessons (1 owl on the sticker) and a third book which they can share with you (2 owls – they will need help to read this). **Please ensure that these books are sent back in as another group will need these.** Depending on the group your child is in these books will be changed once every 3 days or once a week. On our website is a clip about what Read Write Inc. is and how you can support your child at home.

SATs

Year 2 and 6 will undertake tests this year. In Year 6, the tests are the week commencing the 9th May. It is important that children are not absent in this week. Year 2, the SATs take place over the month of May. In school we call these tests, 'challenges' so that your child does not see this as an assessment or something to worry about. If you want any more information about these please see the class teacher.



SCHOOL MEMBER



Commonwealth Games Project

The school is part of a Commonwealth Games project with other local schools. Different children in Key Stage 2 will have the opportunity to work with a choreographer to produce a dance inspired by the games, artwork and develop a new sporting event that will feature in the school's sport day.

Forthcoming events

Year 3 will be visiting the Black Country museum as part of their local history work.

In the summer term, children in Years 5 and 6 will have the chance to take part in Bikeability. Year 5 will visit Safeside in Birmingham and Reception will be going to Sycamore Adventure.

After-school clubs

Next half term clubs are Years 1 and 2 Albion Foundation skills, Years 3 and 4 Gymnastics and Key Stage 2 Sewing.

Century Tech

Well done to Year 6 who have spent an equivalent of over 2 days using our Artificial Intelligent platform 'Century' learning so far. Remember this can be accessed by any pupil in KS2 to support learning at home.



What is the Moorlands School Vision?

Our vision is to be an inspiring school which has a significant role in our pupils developing into children who are academically and emotionally ready to maximise their learning and become effective citizens of a culturally enriched community.

Steps to achieving the vision:

- Evolving teaching practices which deliver new ways of learning to deliver the curriculum
- Readiness for the digital age / world
- Building of resilience
- Happy and successful children
- Making mistakes is recognised as a stepping stone to being successful
- Holistic approaches across the school to help develop children's knowledge, skills and strategies to cope emotionally with the modern day challenges
- A passion for reading which excites and develops children's imagination
- Through the values ethos across the school, children develop as responsible citizens
- Embracing the cultural diverse community and celebrating differences

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 the children to leave us being able to articulate and question effectively so that they are ready for the next part of their educational journey.

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.

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. The PCSOs have asked us to remind you to not park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of the school or stop blocking the gates to the school car park.

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 Cayden who is developing into a talented artist and often brings his creations into school for other children to enjoy. Shayleigh has celebrated boxing successes and Shauna has celebrated karate successes – well done to these. In addition, well done to Nylah who is continue to develop as a singer and confidently performed this talent to her class.

Dates for the diary:

Friday 18th February –school closes for half term at 3.10 pm

Monday 28th February – school re-opens to pupils

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Friday 8th April – school closes for the end of term at 3.10 pm

Monday 25th April – school re-opens to pupils

Monday 2nd May – May Day – school is closed

Thursday 5th May – Local Election Day – school is closed to pupils

Monday 9th May to Thursday 12th May - Year 6 SATs

Friday 27th May – Queen's Jubilee celebrations in school

Friday 27th May – school closes for half term at 3.10 pm

Friday 1st July – training day, school is closed to pupils

Friday 22nd July – school closed in lieu of Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2nd June 2022