



Owls and Woodpeckers

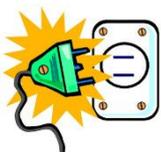
Welcome to Year 4



We hope you have had an amazing summer holiday and are relaxed and ready for the year ahead. We have got some very exciting things coming up this year and can't wait to get started. At Moorlands we strongly believe in the partnership between school and parents in each child's learning. Each term we will send home a curriculum newsletter outlining the work your children will be covering. We hope this will help you to support your child at home.

Topic and Science

This term Owls and Woodpeckers will be delving on a historical quest to uncover the hidden wonders of Ancient Egypt. To complete their mission, they must learn all they can about the geographical location of Egypt and the exciting events that took place there. They have already been visited by Indiana Jones himself who has set them a mission to become ninjas! Using their ninja skills, they will be embarking on an educational adventure to break into the tomb of Tutankhamen and steal his precious artefacts!



In Science and Design Technology, the children will be learning about electrical circuits. They will be using this knowledge to create a torch to help them guide the way when breaking into the tomb.

English

Using the exciting and imaginative fictional book "The boy who grew dragons" as our main focus we will be writing our very own explanation texts. Owls and Woodpeckers will be immersing themselves in the creative language of Andy Shepherd exploring his descriptive writing and humorous nature. Using Causal conjunctions and fronted adverbials the children will be exploring how to use these effectively within their writing.



Maths

This term we will be refreshing and deepening Owls and Woodpeckers understanding of place value, addition and subtraction. We will be doing this through a range of contextual stories, word problems, games and challenges. In Mental Maths the children will be working on mentally counting on and back in tens and hundreds from any number. We will also be continuing to practice our times tables as it is the expectation that all times tables and related division facts are learned by the end of year 4.



PSHE (Jigsaw)

The topic for the first half term is 'Being Me'. Owls and Woodpeckers will explore their emotions and thoughts and feelings around how important it is to be yourself. Celebrating their strengths and the aspects they bring to their community.



We will then move on to 'Celebrating Differences.' The children will look at challenges and differences people face in their everyday life and how they overcome these challenges.



RE



In RE lessons this term the children will be continuing their understanding of Sikhism and will be beginning to look at a range of sacred texts.

After half term they children will begin to look at Christian and Sikh rituals.

PE

In PE the children will be developing their football skills. Alongside this they will be developing their skills through gymnastics.



Spelling and PAG

We will be having daily spelling lessons looking at common exception words and a range of spelling patters concentrating this term on prefixes and homophones (words that are spelled differently by sound the same).

In PAG (Punctuation and Grammar) we will be focusing on conjunctions and fronted adverbials.



Your mission!



As protectors of your Owls and Woodpeckers it is essential that you use your powers to help and support them at home. Practising their times tables by reciting them to you on the way to school or in a car journey would be a great example of encouraging them to improve. We also can't stress enough the importance of not only listening to your Owls and Woodpeckers read... but you yourselves reading to them.

As ever, we are very excited to get stuck into the next term and are already thoroughly enjoying watching our Owls and Woodpeckers progress and improve on a daily basis. If you have any concerns or questions at any point, please don't hesitate to ask.

If you would like to send any homework in via e-mail, our year group e-mail address is

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We do not check this on a regular basis so please tell us if you send something in.