

# Early Years Phase Leader Newsletter Autumn 2021



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## A Hello From Me...

Most of you will have already met me and know who I am but for anyone who unfortunately missed inductions when your children were starting school, I thought I would introduce myself. My name is Mrs Henneberg and I am the Year R Phase Leader.

I have worked at Moorlands for 9 years and have been Early Years Phase Leader for 5 years.

Please do feel free to come to me to ask any questions or arrange meetings with me. I have been very proud of all of your children this half term and have very much enjoyed getting to know them more.

**Mrs Henneberg - Early Years Phase Leader**



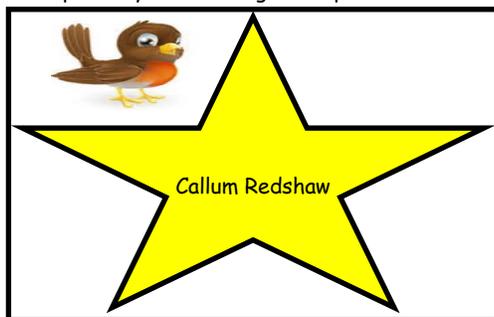
### This term's highlights...

In such a short while at school your children have come on so far! I hope you have enjoyed seeing your children's learning journey as much as we have.

We have had many highlights from their first few days at school to learning and rehearsing our Nativity play over the last couple of weeks which we hope you will very much get to enjoy watching via our school website! We have had Diwali celebrations, discussed Bonfire night celebrations, had visits to our school woods, found a crashed space ship; and had an early visit from Santa when he needed our help when his sleigh broke!



I would also like to celebrate our selected Star Students for this half term. It is so hard to pick just two children; I am sure you will have all been able to share many proud moments with your children whether it has been that they have brought home a certificate, good news slip, sticker or good news from their day. Every single one of them deserves to celebrate their special accomplishments as they have all had so many! Well done to below children for outstanding hard work! An extra well done to the two children below who have been picked by the team for exceptionally outstanding accomplishments.



Every single child in Robins and Bluebirds deserve to celebrate their special achievements! Well done Bluebirds and Robins! **Don't forget** you can also share proud moments with us as often as you wish through sending in proud parent certificates but also by using your tapestry accounts. Proud Parent certificates are always available to you should you need more and we really love to hear about what your children have been up to. We send out certificates for areas we wish to gather evidence from home on to help with our assessments but we love to hear about all the extras you want to share with us too. We do celebrate these in class and love discussing them with the children. Tapestry is a great way to share with us, you can download the app on to your phone and add observations easily and as often as you wish. Thank you to those who have shared special moments with us already. If you need to be re-sent your account activation for tapestry please let me know. Please keep checking the school website to see more things that your children have been doing at school.

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### Who's Who?

#### Year R

Mrs Henneberg



Bluebirds Class  
Teacher and  
Phase Leader

Miss Wallaya

Teacher on Thursdays  
and Fridays

Mrs Rudd

Teaching Assistant

Miss Saunders

1:1 Teaching Assistant

Mr Kill

Robins Class  
Teacher



Mrs Brown

Teaching Assistant

1:1 Teaching Assistant

Miss R

TA Cover

Miss Knight

Apprentice TA

# Secrets of Success at Moorlands!

At Moorlands, we want to encourage your children to become life-long learners.

We believe that the key to this is to promote and teach skills that will help them to be successful learners for life!

Each half term the children focus on 2 of the schools secrets of success. They will learn about how they can use the values in their learning to help them to become more successful.

Children will be encouraged to apply them and their efforts will be recognised and celebrated frequently!

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our school's secrets of success so that you can also help to promote these at home.



**Understand Others**



**Work Hard**



**Concentrate**



**Push Yourself**



**Don't Give Up**



**Improve**



**Imagine**



**Try New Things**

## Helpful Tips & Reminders

### Please remember we do ask that:

- Your child brings a named water bottle everyday
- Uniforms need to be named to avoid lost property
- Your child needs a PE kit in school if they haven't already.
- Bring a piece of fruit or vegetable as a snack if you wish for your child to eat a morning snack
- Your child should have their reading diary and book in their book bag each day and the reading diary needs to be given in every Thursday for the class teachers to read comments and write their own comments
- Please remember your child is outside in all weathers please ensure they have weather

### Upcoming topics in Spring:

- ♦ Toys — children will be immersed into imaginative play, problem solving and thinking about differences between past and present while also thinking about their own favourite toys. 
- ♦ Animal Kingdom — we try to offer as many hands on experiences as possible during all topics but especially this one! Children learn about different animal groups, where animals live, how to care for animals and also learn some simple life cycles. 

## WE NEED YOUR JUNK!

Thank you so much for your donations to our junk modelling supplies. The things we currently are in the need of are bottle lids, small boxes (such as tissue boxes) and

cardboard tubes.

Thanks!



## Homework



As a reminder things to be completing with your children at the moment are:

- Letters and Sounds of the Week (these do not need to be returned to school, but we strongly encourage practicing these at home with your children). It can also be very beneficial to go back and practice previous sounds to help embed these further.
- Reading—sharing the book from your child's book bag. We ask for a minimum of 4 entries in the children's reading diaries each week.
- Tricky words—please keep practicing the set of words your child is currently working on. Practising these at home makes a huge difference to how well your children remember them. Don't forget to go back to previous sets as you move on to next ones to ensure they don't get forgotten.

Sometimes we may also send home games or activities which will help support your child with something they are finding particularly tricky, such as number activities or physical development tasks.

Other activities you can do at home to support your child's development are board games to practice turn taking and number skills, reading signs as you walk home, creative activities and imaginative play, counting, reading and ordering numbers and mark making and fine motor skill activities.

## Christmas

Please remember our Nativity performance will be available to view on our school website—we hope you very much enjoy watching it. I hope to see you join us on Wednesday 15th at 2:30, outside to watch your children perform the songs live!

Lastly, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I hope you all have a wonderful break and enjoy spending time together as a family. Take care and stay safe!

