



Welcome to year 6

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to year 6! Whether this is your first experience as a year 6 parent/carer or if you have been through the process before, we welcome your support in your child's final year at Moorlands! We hope you and your families have had a wonderful summer break.

Year 6 team this year

Phase leader – Mr Turner

Class teachers – Mr Turner & Mrs Whittingstall-Bean

Teaching Assistants & Lunchtime Leaders – Miss Oliver, Mrs Gowans and Mrs Nash

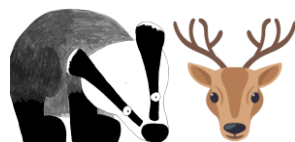
Mrs Beanland will be teaching year 6 French and music with Mr Ivory taking PE lessons.

Our opening themed learning



In Geography and History- We will start by using atlases and maps to locate South America. The children will compare physical features and settlement types. They will learn about mountains and how they are formed. Next they will link the export of the natural resource chocolate to the Mayan civilisation. We are looking forward to seeing their homework they create for this.

In Art - We will be studying south American art through the artist Romero Britto and have an exciting Mayan head clay workshop visit from southampton art gallery in October.





Our learning this term

In R.E – In our RE sessions we will start by learning about the concept of Worship. The Children will explore the meaning of worship and how this might relate to their own and others lives. Then we will evaluate the importance of rituals for Christians and Jews. .

In PSHE – The children will discuss their year ahead, set goals and discuss their fears and worries about the future. They will learn about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and that these are not met for all children worldwide. Children will talk about their own behaviour and how their choices can result in rewards and consequences and how these feel. They talk about how an individual's behaviour can impact others. Finally the class talk about differences and similarities and that for some people, being different is hard. They discuss bullying and how people can have power over others in a group. They talk about strategies for dealing with this as well as wider bullying issues. We look at people with disabilities and look at specific examples of disabled people who have amazing lives and achievements.

In SCIENCE – our first unit of work is electricity. We will associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit, compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches and use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.

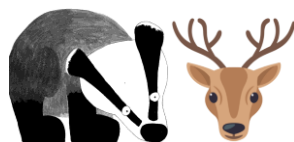
In P.E – Our indoor sessions are gymnastics and outdoor sessions are ball skill games.

Maths

In maths, we will start by revising place value, reading , writing and ordering numbers up to ten million. We will also focus on negative numbers and rounding numbers to 3 decimal places. Then we will move onto practising written methods of Calculation for the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

The mastery of times tables and corresponding division facts will be a focus so please support your child practising these at home.

Remember to use your TTR (Times Table Rockstars) login to help!



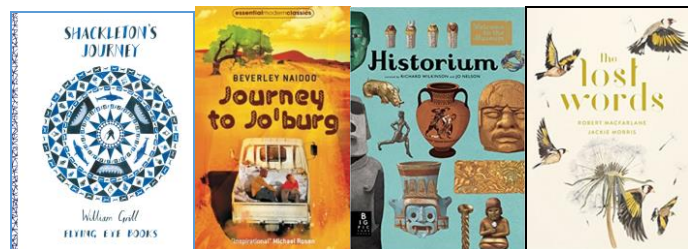


English/writing



In our writing sessions, we will be studying the texts above across the autumn term. Using these texts, we will be writing our own: diary entries, newspaper reports, poem and a persuasive text. In Year 6 there is a focus on writers (the children) making choices about their content and structure for impact on the audience so we will be focusing on this across the term as well as unpicking other Author's choices to use as models. During these lessons we will also be securing, improving and applying our grammar and punctuation knowledge, which will include the use of semi colons, apostrophes, dashes and varying the position and length of clauses.

Reading

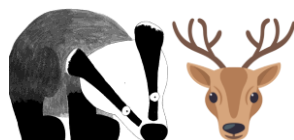
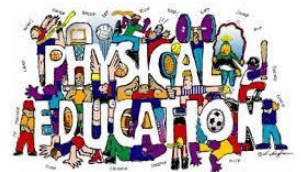


In our reading lessons throughout Autumn term, we will be studying the books above which are a mixture of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We will commence with Shackleton's Journey exploring the journey Ernest Shackleton and his crew had many years ago. All of our reading sessions will focus on a key reading skill, it could be: retrieval, inference, vocabulary, predicting or summarising.

For further information about our curriculum, please do join us for our meet the teacher event on Thursday 22nd September in your child's classroom.

Additional information

- Please ensure that PE kits are in school everyday and PE kits are in line with our uniform policy. It is a government expectation that children have PE time in the week. We require written evidence if your son/daughter is to not participate for a medical reason only





- Make up is not to be worn in school and uniform must be kept to school policy – no jewellery, trainers, hoodies or sportswear please – we must show ourselves to be year 6 role models to the rest of the school
- Mobiles – We understand many children will be walking to and from school independently. Mobiles must be handed in at the start of the day to the teacher or TA and be turned off. They are stored in a locked cupboard and will be returned at the end of the day – mobile phone agreement sheets must be completed and returned to school in order for your child to bring a mobile in with them – please ask your child to collect one if needed (we have already handed these out)

Home learning expectations

Throughout the duration of year 6, we aim to support the children with preparing for life at secondary school and further education by becoming more independent. We always encourage the children to come and speak to an adult if they are stuck or are unsure of what to do. Home learning is issued on a Friday and is due in no later than the following Thursday consisting of a piece of maths and English work each week along with spellings to practice as well. Spelling tests will take place every Thursday or Friday. This is alongside a half termly topic homework.



If you have any concerns/wishes please speak to a member of the year 6 team. If you wish to discuss your son/daughter's progress in more detail or raise a concern, please contact Miss Clark in the office who will be pleased to assist you. You can do this by telephone or by emailing info@moorlandsprimary.net.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead in year 6!

Mr Turner and Mrs Whittingstall-Bean

