

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

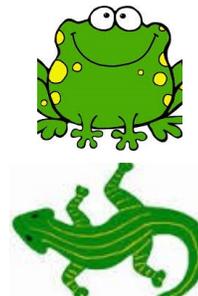
Moorlands Primary School



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Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and well-deserved break. Please take the time to look over all of the exciting learning opportunities that will take place this half term!



LEARNING HEADLINES



ENGLISH

In English this half term we will be focussing on writing for different purposes and making sure that our writing makes sense. We will also be ensuring that we are including all of our new phonics sounds when we are spelling.



PE

In PE we will be learning how to control our bodies movements and balance in Yoga.

ART

In Art we will be focussing on mixing paint colours to create a pirate sea picture.

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

We will be focusing on the map of the world and looking at the oceans that pirates would sail on. This links to both class role plays which are Geography focused.

MATHS

In Maths this term we will be learning to understand the place value of numbers up to 50. We will then be looking at geometry which includes both 2D and 3D shapes.



RSHE

In RSHE this half term, we will be setting simple goals and finding out how we are going to achieve them. We will be tackling new challenges and will be understanding how this can stretch our learning. We will be thinking about how we can overcome obstacles how thinking about how we can celebrate our achievements.

SCIENCE

In Science, we will be learning to identify, naming and describing a variety of everyday materials.

RE

In RE, we will be learning about the concept of specialness and that some things are special to ourselves and to others. We will then link this to how some artefacts are special to Christians whilst others might be special to Hindus.

P.E.



PE will take place twice a week on a Tuesday and a Thursday.

Please can you ensure your child has a PE kit in school everyday. We will then send them home every half term to be washed.

The PE kit should

Include: White top, black shorts, track-suit top, tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

Secrets of Success

This term, we will be focusing on:



Work Hard



Concentrate

Polite Notice

Please could we ask that children do not play with the resources in the outdoor area in the morning. This is because it is a learning zone and things are often set up for learning time. Thank you.



Colder Weather

As the weather is still cold, please can you ensure that your child has suitable warm clothing for playtimes.

We kindly ask that you label **all** clothing with your child's full name to make sure items aren't lost.

Thank you.



Writing wishes

In Year 1 we try to remember our writing wishes whenever we write. We use symbols to help the children understand what each wish means. We use them as top tips and targets to help each child improve their work.

Our Writing Wishes...

- Think it (Thought bubble icon)
- Say it (Speech bubble icon)
- Finger spaces (Hand pointing to spaces icon)
- r-ai-n Sounding out (Phonics icon)
- Does it make sense? (Question mark icon)
- Capital letters (Capital C icon)
- Full stops (Black dot icon)
- Punctuation (Exclamation mark icon)
- Joined up writing on the line (Line with arrow icon)
- Are your letters written correctly? (Question mark icon)
- Is it neat? (LITTLE MISS NEAT character icon)
- Use the purple pencil of progress to improve your work (Purple pencil icon)

Discovery Time

In Year 1, we will be having Discovery Time 3 times a week. This includes a range of jobs based around the whole curriculum that the children can choose independently. This will give the children the chance to embed and show off the skills that they have learnt in lesson time.

We will be collecting in reading diaries every Thursday and sending them home every Friday. The children will be able to change their books in class as a morning job on a Thursday.



Please read the information regarding reading at home in your child's reading record and ensure that they bring their reading record to school every day as we may need to write in it. Look out for your child's new tricky word book mark in their reading diary and please practice these every week!

We will also be sending home your child's Reading Rocket booklet where they can earn stars every time they read 4 times a week. Please give these in on a Thursday too so that we can update them and award any certificates.