



Moor First School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you and your family had a magical Christmas and a wonderful New Year. I to thank you very much for your kind and generous gifts.



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English

During the first two weeks of the term, we will be carrying out a whole school author focus on Roald Dahl. We will be exploring the classic ‘Charlie and The Chocolate Factory’. We have chosen this book as it will be a lovely lead in for our Rainforest topic and the discussion of where chocolate comes from! We can’t wait to get stuck in.



In Sapphire this term, we will be reading ‘The Explorer’ by Katherine Rundell to link with our topic ‘Rainforests’. We have many activities planned that are inspired by this exciting and enticing story including: creating information posters and leaflets, journal entries, radio broadcasts, persuasive letter writing, story writing, character descriptions, designing front covers, role playing scenes from the text, postcard writing and much more!

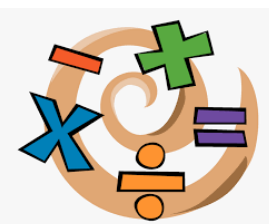
In phonics, children will be learning their sounds and spellings through the Twinkl Phonics programme and will have 20 minute lessons every morning within their own level group. Every Friday morning, following the final lesson of the week, children will be tested on their spellings. Spellings have been selected using the focus sound of the week and common exception words. Please see the list your child at the beginning of every half term for each week’s spellings. We encourage parents and carers to support each child as much as possible in learning their spellings. The recommended process for learning spellings is the SAY, COVER, WRITE and CHECK. It is more effective to do this little and rather than cramming. The marking focus in English will be to mark the children’s written work against the learning objective. We will also focus on marking towards your child’s grammar, punctuation and spelling. We will continue to keep handwriting as a big focus throughout the school.



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Mathematics



Over the course of this term, your child will be learning the following areas of mathematics: multiplication and division, length, height and perimeter, mass, capacity and temperature and fractions. Whilst learning all of the fundamentals of these areas we will also be encouraging the children to think logically and carefully to answer questions accurately. There will be a greater emphasis on problem solving, reasoning and fluency during lesson time. We will be marking against your child’s learning band to reflect the next steps. Your child will be given times tables to learn. They will need to practice saying, chanting and answering questions on these. We will

complete a times table test every Monday.

Topic

Our class topic will be The Rainforest and South America. Topic lessons encompassing art, D&T, geography and history will take place every week and be many other cross-curricular activities throughout the week to explore this topic. Our learning will include; making rainforest animal masks, exploring ways to use colour and suggest how artists have used colour, pattern and shape. We exploring different forms of printing to create different effects within our pieces. designing and creating our own rainforests. We will also be focussing on the artist Rouseau alongside cultural South American artwork.



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Computing



In computing, we will be looking at digital art and how to use technology to create stunning pieces of artwork. We will also be looking at how we can use computers to sequence and create pieces of music. Alongside these topics, we will continue to focus on E-safety through discussions about how to stay safe when online.

Science

In Science, year 2 children will continue to have science on a Tuesday afternoon with Mrs Crowcroft and Year 3 will be taught by myself. This term, Year 2 will be learning about living things and habitats. Year 3 children will be investigating and exploring plants.

P.E

Physical education will be taught every Wednesday afternoon with Premier Sports and Monday afternoon by Mrs Wood. Our activities this term are gymnastics and dodgeball with Mr Whittingham and dance and netball with Mrs Wood. Please ensure your child is prepared to take part in their PE lessons with a full kit suitable for both indoor and outdoor activities. Please see the attached document for our school P.E uniform.



R.E/PSHE

Religious education and personal, social and health education will be taught as units of work. Topics in RE will be 'Families' and 'Religion in the Home'. For children in year 2 will have PSHE with Mrs Crowcroft on a Tuesday and year 3 will be taught by myself. This term, year 2 will be studying the unit's 'VIP' and 'One Year 3 will be looking at 'Be Yourself' and 'Team'.



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Music



Music will be taught on a Wednesday. This term, we will be looking at finding and following a beat and experimenting with different pitches and tempos. We will also be studying the work of Heitor Villa-Lobos' Bachianas brasileiras No. 2, The Little Train of the Caipira (finale) to fully immerse ourselves in our rainforest topic.



French

Year three children will be taught French on a Tuesday. Our topics this term will be classroom language, animals and learning Old McDonald.

Intervention

At some point of the year, your child may be receiving additional intervention during assembly times with relation to writing and math in order to help them to close gaps and to increase speed of progress/attainment. Some stretch and challenge sessions will also take place to extend learning further.

A timetable has been drawn up for additional adults in school to also help to listen to children reading each work. All children will be heard reading once a week with these adults, however some children may be reading two or three times. Please note that daily reading takes places also within the classroom and peer to peer reading also takes place.

Show and Tell

As we love hearing all about your child's achievements and hobbies we will have weekly show and tell sessions on Friday afternoons. Your child may either bring their show and tell into school on a Friday morning or you can upload to SeeSaw. Please note, any technology show and tell to be up uploaded to SeeSaw rather than brought into school, thank you.

We would also like to inform you that 5-minute episodes of Newsround are shown in class to give children the chance to hear about relevant and appropriate news stories from around the world.



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Over the course of the following term, your child will have the opportunity to earn extra dojos by completing aspects of their learning enrichment at home. Please see the learning enrichment letter for additional information.

I hope that this letter has been useful in providing a little more information about what we will be learning. If you have any comments, questions or just need advice on how best to help your child with their learning at home, please do not hesitate to message via SeeSaw and we can arrange either a phone call or virtual meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs V Wood

Class Teacher

Staffordshire County Council

