



MASON MOOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher News | [Friday 15th September 2023](#)

This week we celebrated the opening of the outdoor classroom area! Children have been enjoying the space and getting to know our wooded area. It's been great to see the children interacting with each other and the environment - there's plenty to look forward to during these groups!

EYFS children: This week, the children in Year R were welcomed into the school to complete their first full days. They have enjoyed completing lots of fun activities during their discovery time and beginning their phonics journey by learning new sounds and how to read new words.

English lessons: Reminder to parents that our EAL leader will be providing parents who are new to English with English lessons Wednesday morning at 9.00am.

Vertical tutoring groups: This year, we are promoting more collaboration between the members of our school community by creating vertical tutoring groups. These groups are a mixture of pupils from Years 1-6 and are opportunities for children to showcase their interpersonal and nurturing skills.

This week the children continued to enjoy lessons within their vertical tutoring groups where they are developing new friendships with children from all age groups across the school. Some of the activities they completed included drawing a portrait of a child from a different year group, making board games, and question games where they learn interesting facts about each other. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm the children have within these lessons.

VR headsets: The children across all year groups will have the opportunity to experience using VR headsets to fully immerse them within their exciting new topics this term!

We started our ART lessons: Our specialist art teacher started teaching the children from Year 1- Year 6 art lessons this week. The children will learn art skills from a professional artist. This artwork will then be showcased around the school for everyone to see.

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Mr Constable-Phelps | [Executive Headteacher](#)

Weekly Attendance Monitoring - Our Target is 96%

Remember: we will not authorise ANY absence during term time. Please make sure your child attends school on-time every day.

WARNING

MASON MOOR ATTENDANCE: %

How do we reward GOOD attendance?



Every 12 weeks, we give away a bike in a raffle of each child with 96% and above attendance.



We also raffle off a scooter to those with 96% and above attendance over the 12 weeks.

What do all children with good attendance get?



- Attendance Award Certificate given in assembly.
- A choice of: Movie, Bouncy Castle or 100% Party

Whole School Attendance figures:

Year R	99%
Year 1	96.6%
Year 2	97.6
Year 3	97.4%
Year 4	99%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	99%



Year R + 4

Well done to Year R children + Year 4 children - a brilliant 99%. Highest attendance this week!

Please help us improve our school attendance by sending your child in every day. We are changing SO MUCH at Mason Moor to make our school the very best it can be!

A reminder: the school does not authorise any holiday during term-time!

Reading Expectations - Please help your child!



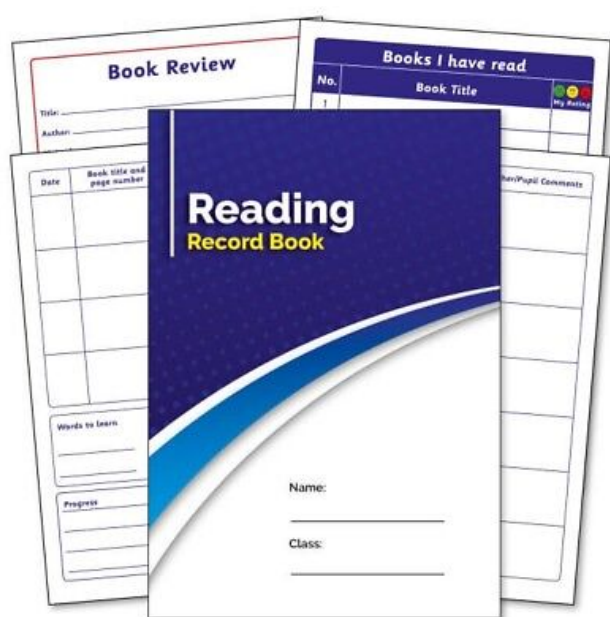
Top tips for encouraging reading:

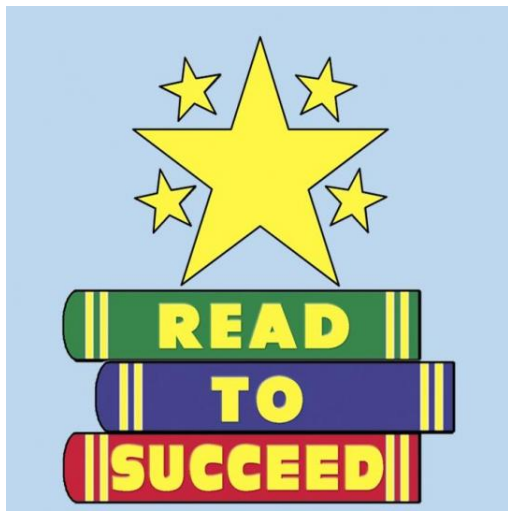
- **Read yourself!** It doesn't matter what it is – pick up a newspaper or magazine, take a look at a cookery book, read a computer manual, enjoy some poetry or dive into a romance or detective novel. And get your children to join in – if you're cooking, could they read the recipe?
- **Give books as gifts.** And encourage your children and their friends to swap books with each other – it'll give them a chance to read new stories, and get them all talking about what they're reading.
- **Visit the local library together.** It's always fun choosing new books to read, and keep an eye out for special author events at the library or local bookshops – children love meeting their favourite authors.

What should I write in my child's reading record?

Listed below are some comments which may help you when writing in your child's Reading Record Book to describe how your child has read at home. It is important to record both positive and developmental comments:

- Read familiar words independently
- Able to predict what happens next in the text
- Read with good expression
- Showed good understanding of the text
- Worked out new words independently
- Worked out new words by sounding them out
- Struggled to concentrate
- He/she made a number of errors because he/she was not looking carefully enough





How often should my child read?

Your child should read every night as part of the home-school agreement and to ensure that they are developing their **fluency - which is their ability to read with speed, accuracy, expression and precision.**

We know that children who do not read every night do not develop a love of reading and this can prevent them from accessing the curriculum and achieving well in life.

We recommend that children read for 15-20 minutes each day.

Mason Moor Award Winners - Presenting the Pride of Mason Moor...



GOLDEN BOOK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Olivia
2 Blue	Isabella
3 Blue	Kayden

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Amy
5 Blue	Ed
6 Blue	Lana

Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Phoenix
2 Blue	Lincoln
3 Blue	Faith

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Sara
5 Blue	Lily
6 Blue	Vinnie

READER OF THE WEEK **AWARD WINNERS**

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
1 Blue	Noah
2 Blue	Abigail
3 Blue	Levi

Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Branson
5 Blue	Emilianna
6 Blue	Lavinia

Key dates/events for next week:

Tuesday 19th September – Challenging Behaviour Workshop 9-10am Hall

Wednesday 20th September – English Class for parents Spare Year 6 Classroom

Wednesday 20th September – SEND Coffee Morning 9-10am Hall

Thursday 21st September - KS2 Disco 4:30- 6:00

Friday 22nd September - KS1 Disco 4:30- 6:00

Friday 22nd September- KS1 and KS2 Eat and Read Event 9- 10am Field

Exciting news we will be holding a Welcome Back Disco for KS1 and KS2 children next week!

Don't forget to bring £1 and your best party outfit!



Learning at Mason Moor this week:

RECEPTION

In EYFS this week, we have been enjoying full days in school! We have started learning phonics - sounding our first phonemes with the Little Wandle scheme! We've also introduced maths this week, looking at numbers and counting. In reading, we have started learning lots of new vocabulary to help us talk about the topic: All about me! We are looking forward to starting our writing lessons next week.

Year 1



Year 2



This week in science we have been looking at animals and their habitats - did you know that we are animals too? We need food, drink, air and shelter- so do lions, tigers and other creatures! In writing, we have begun to look at expanded noun phrases- we came up with some really great ideas to describe Beatrice, the main character in our class novel.

Year 3



IN Year 3 this week, we have started to look at Ancient Greek myths including Perseus and Madusa. WE have learned about democracy which fits in nicely with our upcoming school council votes. Did you know that the Greeks helped create our alphabet? Well, we didn't until this week!

Year 4



THis week, we have continued to read our book 'The Roman INvasion' and learned about the history of the Roman Empire. In our writing, we have become more independent and put together some great pieces of writing. In science, we have looked at electricity and explored how this is generated and stored.

Year 5



We have been learning all about space including the Big Bang and all the different planets in our solar system. Our class novel - The Jamie Drake Equation- has been thoroughly enjoyable and we can't wait to read on! What will the woman want with Jamie? Does it have anything to do with her dad? In maths, we are becoming a lot more confident in understanding our numbers up to 1,000,000 - that's a lot of zeroes!

Year 6



This week, we have been continuing our learning on place value - we can now confidently recognise numbers to 10,000,000! In our writing journey, we have begun to understand how flooding affects people and how lives are dramatically changed by catastrophic events. In history, we have started to look at how the Industrial Revolution substantially changed the lives of those in agriculture. We look forward to unravelling the experiences of people from the time.

MASON MOOR IN PHOTOS

As promised, here are some of the highlights from last week's Vertical Tutoring Day! Lots of ice cream and fun was had as we worked together in our new groups.

We also welcomed our new starters into EYFS - what a great way to start their journey as part of the Mason Moor community!

