



MASON MOOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher News | Friday 13th October 2023

Assessment week:

This week has been the perfect chance for pupils to reflect on their learning and be proud of their achievements as our assessment week comes to an end. All children have really shown off their increasingly impressive talents across a range of tests in Maths, Reading and Grammar. In addition to this, children have had time to reflect on their writing skills and have worked alongside their teachers to really think about what has made them proud and the next steps they want to achieve.

In honour of providing all children with enriching learning experience we have had the planetarium set up in our school hall. This is a giant inflatable dome that has a projection system inside to help children better understand the night sky, solar system and our role in that as planet Earth. All children have thoroughly enjoyed it and have taken such knowledge from it. I look forward to seeing how this is translated into a range of subjects.

Osmington Bay

We welcomed back the year 6 team this week as they returned from their first residential to Osmington bay. They challenged themselves with a range of activities that really tested their resolve and control of their fear response. It was lovely to see how many friendships had been reinforced and new friendships made as they undertook a range of team activities with one another. I look forward to these new friendships and freshly developed skills being applied in their learning as we move into the coming week.

See the end of the newsletter for some pictures of all the fun!

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Mr Constable-Phelps | Executive Headteacher

Your point of contact and when to escalate a problem further.

At Mason Moor we want to ensure your voice as parents are heard. We do this in a range of ways such as parental questionnaires, behaviour workshops, meet SLT events and SEND workshops. It is important that we continue this communication appropriately and follow the correct procedures when needing to talk with a member of staff.

Class teachers are always your first point of contact. A meeting will not be booked with another member of staff until a meeting has been had with the classteacher. The classteacher will then decide if this needs to be escalated further and will book in a meeting accordingly. If you require to meet with the SENCo it is important that the class teacher has been communicated with first as they are the person who provided such effective provision.

When appointments are made, they can be made via the school office where they will book you in and alert the relevant member of staff. At no point will staff be called down to the office to meet with parents at that moment in time. We understand that problems arise suddenly and that is why you see the class teacher in the mornings and at pick up. Further to this members of SLT are often on gate duties, this is the time to mention arising issues and alert them that a meeting will be requested.

Usual PE days

<u>Year group</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Year group</u>	<u>Day</u>
1	Monday	4	Wednesday
2	Monday	5	Wednesday
3	Monday	6	Wednesday

Reminder: who is teaching which class

Year group	Adults
Year R	Miss Askham, Mrs Slade
Year 1	Mrs Woods, Mrs Bernice
Year 2	Mr Thompson, Mrs Rawlings
Year 3	Miss Frape, Mrs Brown, Mrs Tribbeck
Year 4	Mr Ridout, Mrs Shepherd
Year 5	Miss McKenzie, Mrs Mcgratten
Year 6	Mr Taylor, Ms Plomer, Mrs Cooper

Mrs Day will also be teaching some classes throughout the week.

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: 94%

Whole School Attendance figures

Year R	90.1%
Year 1	90.8%
Year 2	94.6%
Year 3	93.8%
Year 4	94.6%
Year 5	93.1%
Year 6	95.3%



Year R Well done to Year 6 children - a brilliant 95.3%. 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!

Remember: Every Friday we are giving an attendance cake to the class with the highest attendance. We also are doing a top table for best behaviours across the school, these well behaved individuals get to enjoy a drink and a treat!

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:

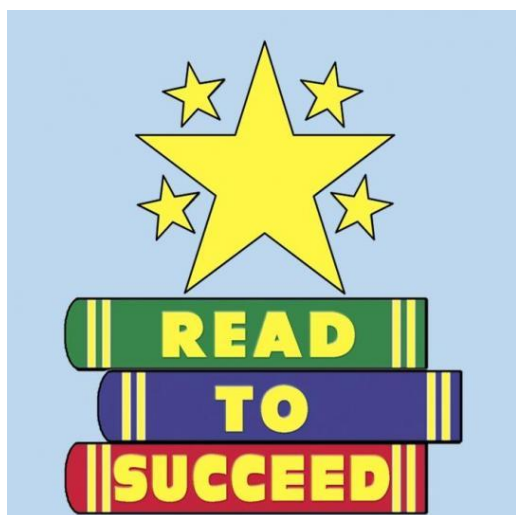
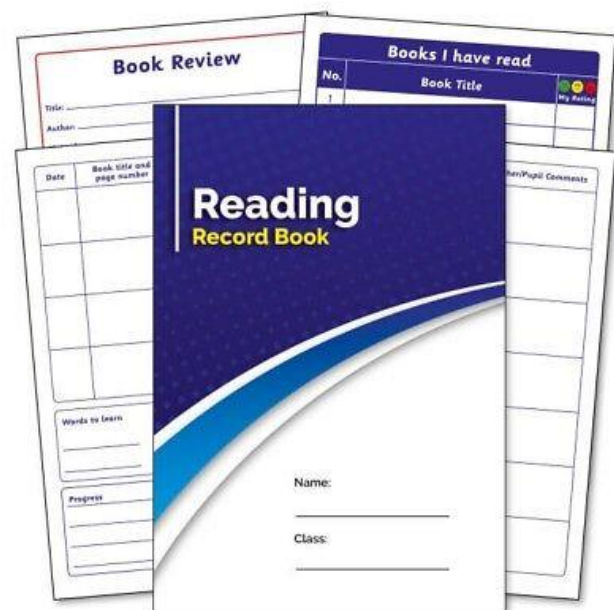
- Read familiar words independently
- Able to predict what happens next in the text
- Read with good expression
- Showed good understanding of the text
- Worked out new words independently
- Worked out new words by sounding them out
- Struggled to concentrate
- He/she made a number of errors because 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	Layla
2 Blue	Robin
3 Blue	Levi

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Kye
5 Blue	Harry
6 Blue	AJ

Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Phoenix
2 Blue	Mika

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Lordina
5 Blue	Anton

3 Blue

Hila

6 Blue

Daniels

READER OF THE WEEK **AWARD WINNERS**

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
1 Blue	Shania
2 Blue	Kiarna
3 Blue	Scarlett

Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Ali
5 Blue	Evie
6 Blue	Freddie

Key dates/events for next week:

- SEND steering group meeting 9-10am on Wednesday 18th October
- English class for parents on Wednesday 18th October
- Phonics parent workshop Year R 9-10am on Thursday 19th October
- Parent forum with SLT 9-10am on Friday 20th October

As a school we are taking part in Walktober this term!

By travelling actively and/or sustainably throughout October, we can all get moving for our wellbeing, our community and our planet. We hope as many of our pupils and staff as possible can get involved by walking, wheeling, cycling, scooting and using public transport more often.

Keep a look out for competitions and challenges to get involved with throughout October. We hope you enjoy being part of Walktober!



PE Star of the Week

KS1 - Oscar (Y1)

KS2 - Lily (Y5)

PE Word of the Week

ATTACK

Meaning - The team with the ball using tactics to move into a position to score.

Example - The team scoring a basket in basketball.

PE thought of the week

'If you had FUN then you won'



Learning at Mason Moor this week:

RECEPTION

This Week in Reception we have been working hard on our early writing skills. We have been working on identifying the initial sounds in words and then forming them correctly. In Maths we have been working on our counting skills. We have explored numbers in many forms and are making good progress with our learning. In our Topic lessons we have been exploring our emotions and feelings. We created a check-in display linked to the colour monster so that everyday we can let our teachers know how we are feeling and they can help us if we need it.

Year 1



This week in year 1 we have been at the ice age in History. We have looked at animals that have gone extinct and explored the possible reasons as to why they no longer exist. In addition to this we have also compared animals that are alive now to these extinct animals and the landscapes they both live on.

Year 2



This week in year 2 we have been learning in Geography about the continents and oceans in the world. In science we have been learning about the life cycles of chicks. We have also been using lots of concrete resources in Maths to practise our addition and subtraction skills.

Year 3



In year 3 we continued to look at our text called Leo and the Gorgon's curse. We are now looking at how we can write a diary entry in character as Leo. Leo is the hero of our story but in a different way to usual. You

Year 4



This week we have been looking at science and have really enjoyed learning about the different uses of electricity but also how to keep ourselves safe. We

will have to read our diary entries to find out more!

have assessed hazards around our home and thought about how we could change our environment to limit the risk that some electrical appliances present.



In year 5 we have been learning about the festival wesah with a focus on explaining how different people celebrate this festival but also how people can also celebrate different festivals and how these compare. We also got to use the planetarium which was a great chance for all children to see the night sky and solar system in a different light.



In year 6 we have been at Osmington bay and have thoroughly enjoyed bonding together as a year 6 team. Despite the 5am starts due to over excitement, all children had a great time and managed to take on the challenge of nearly all the activities!

MASON MOOR IN PHOTOS

Plenty of highlights from the week, including our Osmington bay trip!



