



MASON MOOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher News | Friday 10th November 2023

The start to this term has been a fast paced learning journey of experiences and new topics. Children have been up to all kinds this week including the continuation of swimming which has seen a great effort from all involved. It has been so lovely seeing children develop their confidence and improve greatly from their starting points. Across the school it has been nice to see that children are taking responsibility for the way the school looks and that children are stopping and organising coats and bags onto pegs when needed. All year groups have been working hard to learn, understand and apply some very tricky language that comes up in all subjects. I have heard that in year 2 they have understood the different dimensions that shapes can be measured in and even understood what metamorphosis means! Great work.

The Ark has been benefiting from our new EYFS area and has been going outside to explore how we can use our bodies to climb and manoeuvre around different obstacles. These are crucial elements to children's physical development. Children have also enjoyed the new race track that allows children to follow a trail with our EYFS bikes.

PE

PE has been a growing focus as they begin to think about how they can apply those team skills into PE as well as other lessons throughout the day. With key concepts of resilience and strategic thinking, I am looking forward to seeing how children apply these traits into the curriculum and friendships across the year groups.

Don't forget to look at the bottom of the newsletter to see our word of the week, its meaning and an example. What examples can you think of where you have worked as a team or shown those team skills in other lessons?

#teammasonmoor

Mr Constable-Phelps | Executive Headteacher

Swimming

You will all have received an email telling you about Active 360 and the swimming lessons that will take place after half term!

Years 3 and 4 will be in weeks 1-3; years 5-6 in weeks 4-6; years 1-2 in week 7!

We are very lucky to have so much swimming for the children at Mason Moor and we hope the daily lessons are going to turn our children into fish!

Please remember to pack swimming costumes each day for those weeks – check your letters and emails for any information that you need.

Vertical tutoring

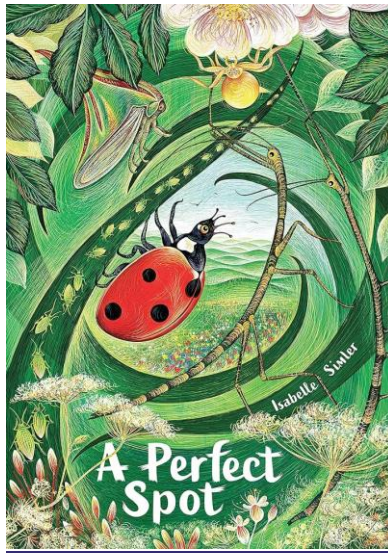
This week in Vertical Tutoring children have been making Christmas cards for the HILS (Health and independent living support). This charity supports the elderly who are living independently. However some of their clients can often feel lonely and disconnected. These cards will then be collected by the charity and taken back to these various supported living facilities. This is a wonderful way for our children at Mason Moor to make a real impact on our community and wider.

Chosen charities

Over the last week, the children across the school have chosen a charity to support on non-school uniform days. Their choices and reasons, provided by the school councillors, are below:

Year group	Our charity and why
R	Family Fund – “We want to help children and families that don’t have very much money. We want everyone to have a happy life.”
1	Children in Need – “We want to help children our age when they are struggling and need help.”
2	Crisis – “Our class wants people to have food and drink. We want people to be safe.”
3	NSPCC – “We care about other children and we know that the NSPCC have been in our school to help us learn about being safe.”
4	WWF – “WWF helps animals and we don’t want animals to be unsafe, hurt or trapped. Hopefully we can help animals in the jungles.”
5	Make a Wish – “Sometimes people aren’t very well and Make a Wish helps children feel better. Some people we know are helping the charity and want to make people’s lives better.”
6	Cool Earth - “I want the Earth to be cooler. At the moment, the water is rising, and this is causing flooding. If we don’t get the world cooler, we won’t be able to enjoy lots of the things we like now – it is important to help the planet.”

Book review



In year 2 Freddie has helped us to read our book for writing called 'The Perfect Spot'. He said "It is a nice story that takes you on an adventure to different places and different characters. I like all the different insects the ladybug meets, even though some are really mean. I like the fancy word at the beginning that says 'metamorphosis is complete'. I know that metamorphosis means something changing, like the ladybug."

Reminder: who is teaching which class with some updates.

<u>Year group</u>	<u>Adults</u>
The Ark	Ms Meenaghan, Mrs Cooke, Ms Harding and Mr Benfield
Year R	Miss Askham and Mrs Slade
Year 1	Mrs Woods and Mrs Day
Year 2	Mr Benfield, Ms Frape and Mrs Rawlings
Year 3	Miss Frape, Mrs Brown and Mrs Tribbeck
Year 4	Mr Precious, Mrs Benfield and Mrs Shepherd
Year 5	Miss McKenzie and Mrs Mcgratten
Year 6	Mr Taylor, Mr Turner, Ms Plomer and Mrs Cooper

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: 94.6%

Whole School Attendance figures

Year R	92.8%
Year 1	90.4%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	96.8%
Year 4	98.5%
Year 5	93.4%
Year 6	92.2%



Year R

Well done to Year 4 children – 98.5%. Highest attendance this week!

All attendance fell this week, so please rest well over half term and we will see you all fresh and full of enthusiasm when you get back.

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

Remember: if your child has a cold, please send them in.

Every lesson builds upon prior knowledge and ensures that children have the building blocks of knowledge and skill to progress in all subjects. One missed day is a crucial building block to your child's education.

Reading Expectations - Please help your child! Reading log need to be bought in daily



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:

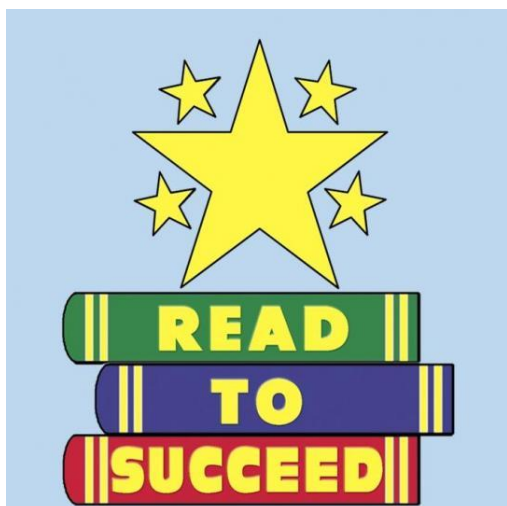
- Read familiar words independently
- Able to predict what happens next in the text
- Read with good expression
- Showed good understanding of the text
- Worked out new words independently
- Worked out new words by sounding them out
- Struggled to concentrate
- He/she made a number of errors because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

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Lillie
5 Blue	Nicola
6 Blue	Sahnin

Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Shania
2 Blue	Khiara
3 Blue	Hila

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Kallum
5 Blue	Lily-Mai
6 Blue	Lorenzo

READER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
1 Blue	Patel
2 Blue	Lincoln
3 Blue	Nathan

Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Isaac
5 Blue	Harry
6 Blue	Daniels

Key dates/events for next week (the week after half term!)

- Tuesday 14th November- EYFS, Year and Year 2 parents evening.
- Wednesday 15th November- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 parents evening.
- Wednesday 15th November- English class for parents.

PE Star of the Week

KS1 - Craig (Y3)

KS2 – Summer (Y6)

PE Word of the Week

Resilience

Meaning - The ability to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties.

Example - To keep trying your best when you are losing a match, Never giving up!

PE thought of the week:

'It's not about winning and losing, it's about HOW you play the game'



Learning at Mason Moor this week:

RECEPTION

We have been enjoying our new outdoor area that has such a range of outdoor activities and apparatus that have helped us with our physical development. We have enjoyed using our bikes around the new track and using our maths skills to think about how fast we can make it round. In writing we have looked at the stickman and begun sequencing the story in the correct order. In maths we have worked really hard on weight and length and making sure that we can begin thinking about measuring accurately.

Year 1



This week we have been looking at different Planets. We have learned about Jupiter and Saturn and have planned and written stories that have wowed Mrs Wood. In Maths we have been learning about our number bonds to 20 and we have looked at odd and even numbers.

Year 2



Year 2 has not only adapted to having new teachers but has also adapted to all the topics thrown at them this week. From finding living, dead and never being alive things to understanding the ancient Egyptians, they have mastered it all. They have learned so many new pieces of vocabulary, ask them the new language for a story and 'fixing a problem'. I am confident they will impress you as much as they have impressed me.

Year 3



Year 3 have had a fab week! They have continued honing in on their swimming skills and are making great progress. We have started our new Science topic on light. They learnt about natural and man-made light sources. We discussed if they were reflective or non-reflective sources of light. The children enjoyed making predictions using their knowledge of reflective/non-reflective materials ahead of our test and practical session next week!

Year 4



This week in year 4, we have been very excited to use the VR headsets to investigate ancient Rome! We got to explore different sites and look at these giant structures from the lowly perspective of a mere mortal. We have also learned even more about the different states of matter, and about some of the biomes in Russia! Russia is so big that there are even more biomes to learn about next week, too! Oh, and we are really enjoying our swimming - some of us are much better already; we've even overcome some of our fears!

Year 5



In Year 5 this week we have been learning all about life in the Navy during the 1700s! We've also enjoyed exploring our new book, *The Arrival*! We've discussed what it may be

Year 6



Throughout the week, year 6 have been completing practice SATs papers. They have needed to show resilience throughout the week especially when questions

like to have to move to a new country, and how we would get by if we could not speak the language. In maths we have been learning all about area! We are looking forward to moving onto fractions next week.

have been tricky at times. We have been impressed with the attitude they have had to the papers. This will help us in being able to move forward with our learning in the future weeks ahead. We want to wish year 6 a restful weekend break.

MASON MOOR IN PHOTOS

Plenty of highlights from the week, including year 3 using VR headsets, a peek at The Ark (Our SEN unit) and a look at our new EYFS playground. All pupils at Mason Moor made poppies and decorated the cross ahead of our Remembrance service. Our Year 4 and Year 3 children have been enjoying their swimming lessons in school.



