



MASON MOOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Mason Moor has been on the move around the country again! I am very proud to say that Year 2 has done an excellent job at representing #teammassonmoor all the way in London. They travelled all the way to London zoo and saw a range of animals. I hear that the tarantula was quite the thrilling arachnid, if not slightly terrifying. I look forward to hearing from year 1 in their adventure to the art gallery this coming week. I am sure you will experience a range of art styles, cultures and hopefully experience some techniques you can bring back to your art lessons.

Within our school we have done a great job of working together as a community by sharing breakfast together first thing in the morning in every class. That's right every class! Every child will now have the chance to have a bowl of cereal, toast and jam or a bagel first thing in the morning before class starts. Although I am sure all children come to school with a full stomach, with winter coming we can sometimes need that extra top up. After all, if our basic needs are not yet how can we fully concentrate on our amazing curriculum offered?

Mason Moor Museum

Another reminder that this half term marks the return of the Mason Moor Museum! This is a wonderful opportunity for you all to come together as a family and share in your child's learning. Here are some details to familiarise yourself with the set up:

- This is a home project to be completed by everyone! Parents, guardians, grandparents, dogs, cats – everyone can get involved!
- Each year group has a theme. This might be 'China' in Year 3, or even Romans in year 4!
- The school will support with some resources to get projects off the ground. More details will be shared about this next week.
- We will open the doors to the museum on Friday 15th December to celebrate everyone's great efforts!
- There will be prizes handed out to those designs considered the best. I cannot wait to see all the submissions!

#teammasonmoor

Mr Benfield | SENDO

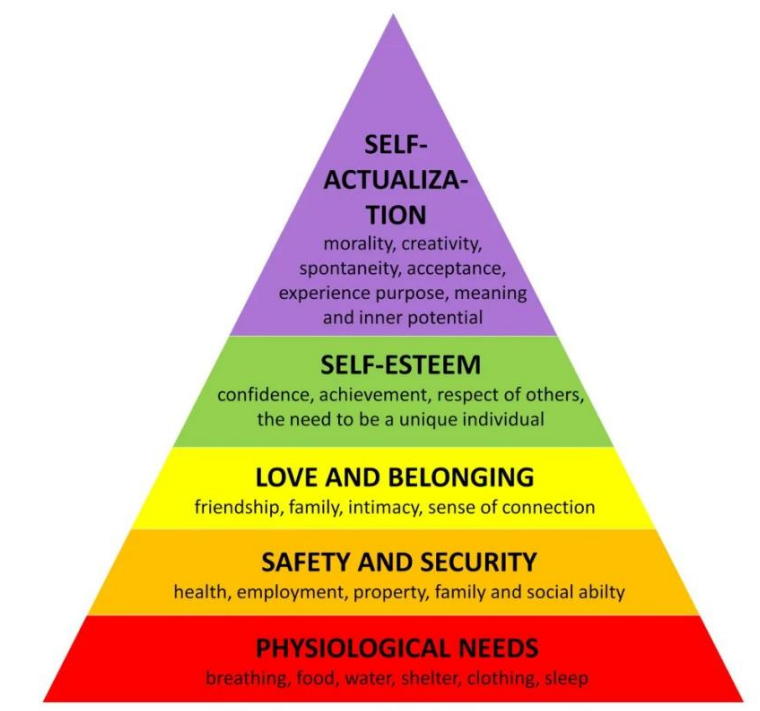
Swimming

This week's swimming marks the **start of children in Year 5 and Year 6**. Much like the year 3s and 4s, they will have daily swim lessons and have a chance to move from a novice to an Olympic athlete! Children in Year 5 will have their lessons in the mornings, children in Year 6 will have theirs in the evenings.

It's important that all members of years 5 and 6 remember their kits **everyday**. If you have any questions about this, please speak to the year group teachers who will be able to give you more information. Have a restful weekend as you'll need your energy for next week!

Morning registration

Every morning in class all children will be offered breakfast. With our children engaging in a full day of learning and thought provoking topics it is essential that our children start the day correctly. Our staff undertake regular training to help understand the needs of our children and how we can best help them to learn to the best of their ability. Have a look at the picture below. It is called Maslow's hierarchy of needs. Children start on the bottom level and then build up the triangle once each need is met. If a need is not met in a section then that cannot access the next. This should highlight the importance of eating breakfast first thing in the morning.

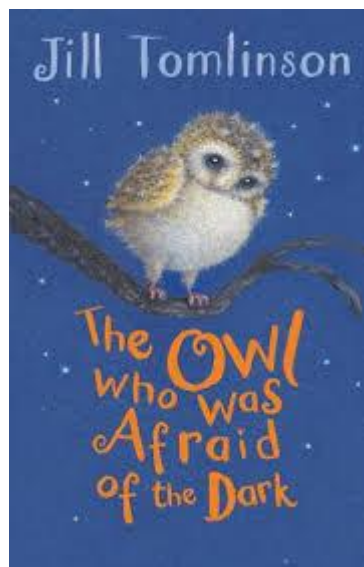


Football Match Vs St Mary's

On Wednesday after school our year 5 & 6 boys football team played St. Mary's Church of England Primary in a friendly fixture.

The boys showed fantastic resilience and teamwork throughout. Well done, you represented #teammasonmoor perfectly!

Book review



Year 2 have been looking at The Owl that is Afraid of the Dark. Year 2 has said “This book is really good because owls should not be afraid of the dark because that is when they need to come out and explore. This owl goes on a funny journey to finally like the dark and does this with some help from his friends. It has some good language like ‘squiggles’ and ‘gasping’, which we had to act out to help us remember what this new language meant.”.

Reminder: who is teaching my child this year?

<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: 92.4%

Whole School Attendance figures

Year 1	85.5%
Year 2	94.5%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 4	94.8%
Year 5	93.2%
Year 6	93.6%



Year R

Well done to Year 4 children – 96.7%. Highest attendance this week!

Attendance fell this week, so please make sure that children are staying clean, washing hands and getting plenty of fresh air – even in this cold!

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

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

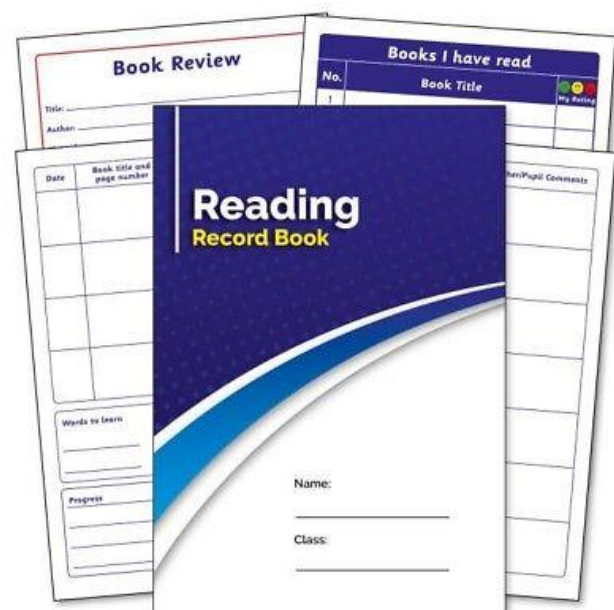
Every lesson builds upon prior knowledge and ensures that children have the building blocks of knowledge and skill to progress in all subjects. One missed day is a crucial building block to your child's education.

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	Kaiyra
2 Blue	Abigail
3 Blue	Kiven

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Jameelah
5 Blue	Hugo
6 Blue	Lana

Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Georgia
2 Blue	Lily
3 Blue	Levi

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Ali
5 Blue	Maci
6 Blue	Jack R

READER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
1 Blue	Pawel
2 Blue	Khiara
3 Blue	Faith

Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Momore
5 Blue	Lucas
6 Blue	Macauley

Key dates/events for next week

- Year 1 trip to the Art museum (Friday 1st December)
- English class for parents (Monday 27th November)

A reminder to all parents that when inside the building with your child, please do not enter other classrooms and attempt to speak to the teacher. Meetings can be booked via the office.

Another reminder that when collecting children, parents are NOT to be on the ramps outside the classroom. This can be very overwhelming for children and obstructs the view of the teacher to safely release the children.

❁ PE Star of the Week ❁

KS1 - Scarlett (Year 3)

KS2 - Sakina (Year 6)

Well done to you both this is such a fantastic achievement!!

PE Word of the Week

AGILITY

Meaning: *ability to move quickly and easily*

RESPECT

Meaning: Due regard for feelings and wishes of others.

Example: Shaking hands after a sporting event.

PE thought of the week

'It never gets easier, you just get better'



Learning at Mason Moor this week:

RECEPTION

This week in EYFS, we have been learning about subtraction in maths! We have been learning the 'th', 'sh' and 'ng' sounds over the week! In reading, we have been reading about Goldilocks and Three Bears! In writing, we have been thinking about our families and learning about where we are from: a great celebration of ourselves!

Maple class

This week in Maple class, we have been learning about so much! We have looked at fractions in maths, present tense in writing and practised our reading. We have all been out and about with the year groups at Mason Moor and we have really enjoyed the topic learning that we have completed alongside the other children at Mason Moor!

Year 1

In year 1 this week, we have completed an explanation text on the Earth - linking to our VR headset last week! In maths, we have been working on our number bonds to 20- we have been looking at subtraction and addition facts relating to this. We also opened our doors to many parents on Friday, welcoming them in for reading whilst we ate breakfast!

Year 2

In year 2 this week, we went to London Zoo! We saw penguins, tigers, gorillas and lots of creepy crawlies! We have been writing a setting description linked to our book, 'A perfect spot'. We've also learned a lot more about Ancient Egypt! We've learned all about hieroglyphics and this has encompassed all of reading, history and art!

Year 3

We have been up to quite a bit this week in year 3! We have been learning about Qin Shi Huang, an old Chinese emperor: he became an emperor when he was 13 and put his mum in prison! He also got the peasants of the land to build the Great Wall of China that still stands so impressively today! In maths, we have been learning all about fractions. We didn't realise just how important these are to our understanding of the everyday!

Year 4

Another really busy week for us in Year 4! We have been learning about 2-d shapes and getting to know their properties! In writing, we have been putting our skills together to create a fantastic setting description of an Ancient Roman city - we started at the busy forum and ventured into the surrounding streets! In geography, we have continued to learn about the biomes of Russia; this week, we looked at the tundra. A very cold place, but full of fascinating facts and animals!

Year 5

This week, we have started our swimming. This has been great fun and we have really enjoyed ourselves! In science, we have been learning about air resistance and gravity - we now understand just why parachutes actually work! In writing, we have been writing letters to characters in our book The Arrival - getting into character has been great fun as we are understanding how people might feel when they visit a new place!

Year 6

This week, we have gone into two different classes to learn all about fractions as well as our new Macbeth unit! In science, we have been continuing to learn about electrical circuits. The most exciting experience this week has been swimming! We have really enjoyed going out to the pool each day and working on our skills in the water!

MASON MOOR IN PHOTOS

So much to celebrate this week!

Some of the photos from The Mason Moor vs St Mary's football match, There was fantastic teamwork seen and great sportsmanship too between both teams. We are proud of you Team Mason Moor.

Year 2 spent a wonderful day at London Zoo seeing so many different animals. There were lots of happy, tired faces on their return to school.



Year 2 London Zoo Visit

