



MASON MOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Headteacher News | Friday 28th February 2025

We have had a brilliant first week back after half term. All Year groups have become 'Storytellers' this week, using their creative minds to create stories. From pirates in Years 5 and 6 to finding a magical doorway in Year 1. All have taken part and created fantastic pieces! Well done!

We are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. Your child can dress as their favourite character from their book. Costumes do not have to be bought but can be made from clothing at home. If you have any questions, please speak to your class teacher.



Field of Colour. Children have been working with Ms Sheales to create their own David Hockney inspired art piece. They were inspired by some of David's other pieces, they designed their own version then worked together to create one large piece.

We would like to wish our families a wonderful Ramadan to those of our families that celebrate.



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Ms Bauck | Head of School

Weekly Attendance Monitoring - Our Target is 97%

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



MASON MOOR ATTENDANCE: 93%

Class Cake Winners

Whole School Attendance figures:



Year 2

Well done to all the children in this class - we are proud of each one of you.

	This Week	Difference
Nursery	92%	+6
Year R	89%	-1%
The Ark	76%	-18%
Year 1	81%	-1%
Year 2	97%	-1%
Year 3	96%	+2%
Year 4	94%	+1%
Year 5	93%	-3%
Year 6	95%	-1%
Whole School	93%	+0

Attendance Update



Our **97%** attendance target is still achievable this year if we work together on ensuring children are in school every day and not missing out on learning.

Our overall attendance to date is **91%** this is an improvement on last year where it was **90%**

Top Tips for improving your child's attendance:

1. Send them in every day - except if they have sickness or diarrhoea. We can make sure they are looked after.
2. Don't book holidays during term time. They miss important elements of learning.

Speak to us if you are having difficulties.



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

GOLDEN BOOK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS Children

Nursery	The Ark	R Blue
Sebastian	Ricco	Tommy

Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
1 Blue	Farahnaz
2 Blue	Ianis
3 Blue	Lilly
Pathways	Nate

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Jaylah
5 Blue	Lacey
6 Blue	Macie-Mae

Handwriting AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Homeclass	Winner
R Blue	Shayan
1 Blue	Ohemaa
2 Blue	Lacey
3 Blue	Kayla

Key Stage 2 Children

Homeclass	Winner
4 Blue	Lexi
5 Blue	Charlie
6 Blue	Scarlett
Pathways	Isaac S

READER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS

EYFS & Key Stage 1 Children

Year	Winner
R Blue	Kaya
1 Blue	Tymon
2 Blue	Madison
3 Blue	Alex

Key Stage 2 Children

Year	Winner
4 Blue	Scarlett
5 Blue	Anjola
6 Blue	Beti
Pathways	Ade

Learning at Mason Moor:

Nursery

This week the children have explored their new topic which is 'I wonder what is outside'. We have started to read 'Lulu loves flowers' during our story time and have focussed our learning around the book. We discussed how a plant grows as we planted our own seeds for vegetables and flowers. In maths we spent some time recapping ABAB patterns using flowers. Some of the children have loved the new role play area and utilised the resources for a flower shop well.

The Ark

This week we have started our new topic, "I wonder what is outside." We have been reading the story "Dear Zoo" and learning the names of the animals. In bucket time, we picked out our own animals from the bag, waiting our turn to see which animal we had. Our children made us proud during the BBC filming. They sat beautifully for a story and showed off their love of learning and our wonderful library. Well done, The Ark!

Year R

We have been learning all about recalling different parts of a story and have used Jack and the beanstalk as our story. We created a story map to help us with this process. In maths we have been looking at 3D shapes, trying to identify their names and link them to where we might find them in everyday life. Our phonic journey continues in the pink phase and we have learned the /oa/, /oo/, /ar/, /ur/ and /or/ digraphs sounds.

Year 1

Year 1's week has been super exciting! Storyteller Week is in full swing and the focus has been on 'Writing for Pleasure', giving the children as much agency as possible in what they want to write, based on the book 'Our Tower'. Ask them about their magic doors at school. What do they look like? Who would you meet inside them? Senses are also a great way to activate their imagination.

They've been looking deeper into fractions in Maths, building on the idea of halving, now looking at quarters. Any real life exposure in their daily lives is always valuable, food in particular! The more they understand the language of splitting a whole into equal parts, the better!

Year 2

In Year 2, we have had an exciting week! In our storyteller time, we studied a painting by Joan Miro (Spanish painter) who was known for the artwork, 'Soirée snob chez la princesse'. The children zoomed in on the painting and chose a section that looked like a character. From this, we guessed what the character was called and came up with a backstory. The children worked hard to write a setting and character description about this enchanted world. In maths, we have started our unit on fractions, looking closely at halving numbers. The children have

Year 3

This week, the class explored the devastating impact of the Plague, its symptoms, and how it spread. They also examined different types of settlements, including villages, towns, and cities, understanding their features, development, and how geography influences growth. Comparing historical and modern settlements deepened their understanding of societal change.

practised dividing by 2 to work out half of any given amount.

Our history learning has introduced the children to the Angles, Saxons and Jutes. We can't wait to learn more about this fascinating topic. Please ask your child about their learning!

Year 4

Have you ever visited a mysterious, eerie and abandoned school or mansion? Well year 4 have! Only in their imaginations and in their writing lessons of course, but our descriptions are as good as being there. In maths we've been carefully reviewing our test paper questions and we've started the term off with the English civil war, the south coast and much much more. If we've peaked your interest, please ask us about more of our lessons this week!

Year 5

This week in year 5 we have been busy with storyteller week. We have investigated Joseph Sholing and Edward Millbrook, smugglers from the 18th Century. They have used their imagination to create a diary entry and newspaper article based on a night of smuggling tea, tobacco and sugar. Everyone tried really hard and it shows in your books. Well done! Additionally we have started looking at our new topics and the children are especially invested in science. Our topic this half term is all about living things and we have started by looking at life cycles of different birds.

Year 6

This week in Year 6, we've been diving into the mysterious urban legends of Southampton's underground tunnels—were smugglers really sneaking through the city beneath our feet? These eerie tales have sparked some brilliant ideas for our reading and writing! In Geography, we've started exploring South America, and in History, the fascinating world of the Incas. Exciting discoveries ahead!

Pathways

This week in Pathways we have been exploring how to make a ship and which roles to act out on our homemade ship. In maths we have been exploring our place value. In art we have been making collages and in drama we have been exploring freeze frames and lighting.

We have also been planning our sea creature fact files using the VR headsets, pictures and videos. This allows us to use adjectives to describe how they made us feel.

Nurture

In Nurture we have embraced spring and we are planning, preparing and propagating for our very own community kitchen garden.

We have been reading the books "The Curious Garden" by Peter Brown and "Something, One small thing can make a difference" by Natalee Creech. These books have inspired us to create our own curious garden. We are learning all about plants and flowers and fruits and vegetables and how they grow and what they need to thrive. We are also working on our team-building skills and learning about sustainability.

Sign of the Week

Makaton is a visual way to develop communication skills, which helps stimulate sounds and words. Makaton is used across Early Years settings, as well as with children with SEND and those who need to build up their confidence.

Sign of the week:



Story



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We offer 15-30 hours of provision, in our new Nursery with our fantastic team!

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PE Word of the Week:



Fluency



Definition:

When an action or sequence is performed with smooth transitions e.g. - moving from a balance to a roll in gymnastics

PE thought of the week:

'Together Everyone Achieves More!'



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PE AWARD WINNERS

KS1	Oheema (Year 1)	KS2	Scarlett K (Year 6)
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PE learning this week

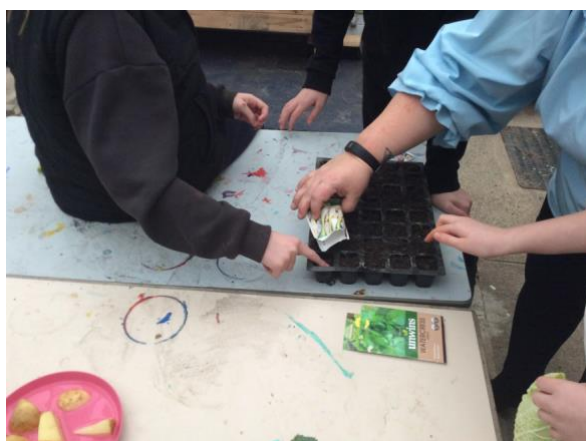
During this half term KS1 children will start their Hit, Catch, Run Unit of work. Children will explore how to hit objects with a hand or bat. Track and retrieve a rolling ball. Throw and catch a variety of balls and objects.

In KS2 this half term the children will focus on Gymnastics. This will allow them to become increasingly competent and confident to perform skills more consistently. Perform in time with a partner and group. Use compositional ideas to create gymnastics sequences.



Our week in pictures

In nurture, we collected some waste from the kitchens and chopped it and investigated it. We talked about how things grow and we looked at different fruits and vegetables to see what part we actually eat. We found out that fruit has seeds and grows above the ground. Carrots are the root. Potatoes also have eyes!



Pathways were being a storyteller this week, roleplaying as pirates creating their own piece retelling their adventures at sea.



Year 1 have been searching for their Magic Door to help support their writing.



**Year 6 continued their roleplaying into the outdoors!
Searching for treasure!**



Year 2 became storytellers! Wearing special hats to help them.



World Book Day

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6th March

Menu

Fantastic Mr Fox Chicken Delight
Chicken Wrap With Ridge Potatoes.

Or

Cloudy Chance Of Meatballs
Meat Free Balls In A Freshly Made
Tomato Sauce With Spaghetti.

Or

Burglar Bill Bumbling Burger
Veggie Burger In A Bun With Ridge
Potatoes.

Served With

Jack's Magic Beans
Horrid Henry's Vegetable Mix
Medley Of Vegetables/Seasonal Salad
Peter Rabbits Cupcakes
Carrot Cupcakes With Buttercream.

Or

James And The Giant Peach Fruit Salad
Peach Fruit Salad.



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Food for good