



Wagtails Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas! Here is a little taster of what's coming up in Wagtails as we start 2020.

The Vikings

Travel over 1000 years back in time to find out about these Scandinavian warriors who raided and traded their way around Northern Europe.

What will we be learning?

In this unit, children will find out who the Vikings were and where they came from. They will then consider why the Vikings raided and then settled in Britain. We will examine the popular view that Vikings were ruthless raiders, who would do anything for money. Children will examine primary sources, such as accounts from monks and archaeological finds to understand why this view has become so popular.

We will then explore how the Vikings impact is still felt in Britain today.

Assessments

Just before Christmas, children completed their termly formal assessments. The results were very pleasing, and showed the super progress that the children are making across the curriculum.

This half term, there are no formal assessments, but we will be observing children's learning in lessons and monitoring progress through books.

At the start of each spelling unit, children are tested on 6 words from the previous unit, as well as 6 'orange words'. Orange words can be found at the back of children's log books. Please practise these regularly.

PE

This half term, PE will take place on **Wednesday and Thursday** afternoons. Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school on those days. Our P.E. kit consists of a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and pumps or trainers. If you want your child to leave their P.E. kit at school for the full half term then this is fine to do. We will send P.E. kits home at the end of a half term to be washed.

Children who currently go swimming, will continue to do so.

If your child is taking part in a sports-based after-school club, they will also need their P.E. kit for this.



Homework

We encourage all children to read at home at least 3 times a week. Reading at home accelerates the rate of progress in reading, as well as increasing your child's vocabulary.

We have recently started a new spelling scheme, Read Write Inc Spelling. The children are enjoying this new approach, and the activities involved. Children will bring home a log book, in which they record words which they need to work on from the current unit. There are also common exception words at the back of the book, which we practise on a continual basis. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings at home. If you would like any advice on how to do this, please contact me.

Children can now also access extra spelling activities on <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>.

Log in using the class log in button.

Username: Wagtails1

Password: MRP 2020

Please note that your child may not be working at their chronological year group, please contact Mr Darbyshire if you are unsure.

Please also practise times tables

Maths

This half term, children will be studying:

- Place value
- Roman numerals
- Fractions and decimal numbers
- Division
- Position and direction
- Area
- Multiplication

We will continue to work on our times tables. Please practice these with your child at home.

Reminders

Remember to read letters/emails and visit our website and app to keep up to date with all important dates.

Please ensure your child has a bottle of water in school with them every day and a healthy snack for break time if you wish.

Website

Have a look around the school webpage.

The website address is

www.moorfieldprimary.org.uk

Finally

We hope that you have a fantastic Christmas and a happy new year! Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning. We can't wait to hear their news when we return in January.