



# Year 1/2 Newsletter

**Dear Parents/ Carers,**

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas! Here is a little taster of what's coming up in year 1/ 2 when we start 2020.

## **History**

***What does it take to be a great explorer?***

**What will we be learning?**

Year 1/ 2 will be looking at great explorers and their achievements through history. Then they will be researching and exploring a variety of different voyages and why they had to be made. They will also look at the reasons behind these significant individuals making particular choices while on their adventures. To enhance our learning in this subject we will be going on a trip.

## **Design and Technology**

***Why is it not OK to wear school shoes on the moon?***

Year 1/ 2 will be looking at the design and function of different shoes. They will explore different materials shoes are made from and how this suits their purpose. Then they will design and create their own shoe for an astronaut, making sure it is suitable for moonwalking!

## **Assessments**

The children completed formal assessments this half term (Autumn 2) and this has helped teachers with their planning and support programmes. This included:  
Year1- completing a phonics screening check and a maths assessment.

Year 2- completing 2 reading papers and 2 Maths papers.

All the children worked very hard and are making good progress.

In Spring 1, the teachers will use the children's work in their books to assess their progress.

## **Dates for your diary:**

### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February-**

Year 1/ 2 assembly about 'love'

More information will be sent out nearer the time.

## **PE**

Year 1 and 2 have P.E. next half term on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**. 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. Black jogging bottoms can be worn during cold weather. 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.

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



## Homework

### Year 1

Children in year 1 will be taking home a Read Write Inc. phonics book to practise at home and a book hut book to share with you. Their phonics book is changed once a week and is designed to develop fluency and comprehension skills. A sheet with question prompts on will also be sent home to help you support your child with their reading. Please try to encourage your child to read at least 3 times a week. Their book hut book will be changed when needed.

Year 1 will also receive a reading/spelling list home with tricky words that cannot be sounded out on. The children will be tested on their ability to read the words first and then their ability to spell them. The lists will be changed when your child only makes 1 mistake with the word list.

### Year 2

Year 2 children not taking part in the Read Write Inc. programme will take home a reading scheme book and a book hut book to share. Children still doing Read Write Inc. will take home a phonics book that will be changed weekly as in year 1. You will receive question prompts to help you support your child with their reading skills. Please encourage your child to read at least 3 times a week.

Year 2 will also receive a spelling list and a timetables book to practise at home. Spelling tests will be on a Friday and new lists will be sent home that day. There will not be a timetables test this half term but the books will be monitored by the class teacher.

## Maths

### Year 1

The children will be learning about basic multiplication and division. They will explore how to make equal groups and add these together. They will also be introduced to arrays and making equal groups by sharing and grouping.

### Year 2

The children will be using knowledge gained in year 1 to develop their learning around multiplication and division. They will look at the multiplication and division symbol and begin to use this to write number sentences. They will use arrays to solve multiplication problems and begin to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. The children will also learn how to divide by 2, 5 and 10 and will do this by sharing and grouping.

### 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](http://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.