

Dear families, we hope you enjoy our curriculum newsletter for Year 1. This will tell you what your child will be learning during this half term. If you feel you could contribute to our topics in any way, we would love to hear from you!  
From the Year 1 Team.

## Writing

### Non-fiction

Labelling, comparing and describing.  
Persuasive writing (adverts/posters).  
Writing instructions.

### Fiction

Imaginary stories based on *Zephyr Takes Flight* using story language and adjectives to describe.

### SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar)

- Capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.
- Joining ideas with 'and'
- Punctuation ? and !
- Adding -er and -est to words.

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**Come fly with me!**

## Maths

### Addition and Subtraction

To represent and use number bonds and related addition and subtraction facts within 20.  
To read, write and interpret + - and =  
To solve one step addition and subtraction problems.

To solve missing number problems  
e.g.  $7 = \_ + 2$

### Place Value

To count forwards and backwards from any given number within 100.

To identify one more and one less than a number within 100.

To count, read and write numbers to 100.

To identify and represent numbers to 100.

### Multiplication

To count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

To solve one step problems involving multiplication using concrete objects and arrays.

### Measures: weight and volume

To compare, describe and solve practical problems for mass/weight, capacity/volume (e.g. heavier, lighter, full).

## Reading

At Moorlands, we aim to instil a love of reading! Please spend as much time as you can sharing books and stories with your children at home. We recommend that children spend around 15 – 20 minutes a day reading out of school, as this greatly helps them to become fluent readers. This half term, we will be reading *Zephyr Takes Flight* and non-fiction books about aeroplanes and flight. Feel free to bring in any books which relate to our topic this half term!

## Geography

### Using simple fieldwork and observational skills to understand a small area of the UK

Identifying human and physical features.

Creating a simple map with a key.

Where do I go in a week?

## History

### Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally.

The history of aviation

### Lives of significant individuals.

The Wright Brothers

Amy Johnson

### Music

**In Year 1, we use a range of instruments and songs to explore:**

- Pitch
- Rhythm
- Pulse

### Computing

- Turning on and logging on using personal log in.
- Moving the cursor and using the mouse buttons.
- Keyboard skills
- Mouse skills (copy and paste, delete)
- ESafety: keeping passwords secret, importance of safe use of the internet.

### RE

What does it mean to belong to a Church or a Mosque?

### SMSC/PSHE

Valuing differences.  
Thinking Thursday.  
Wellbeing Wednesday.

### PE

**1W – Monday and Wednesday**

**1J – Monday and Thursday**

**1O – Tuesday and Wednesday**

**In PE we will cover:**

**Gymnastics and Ball skills (tennis)**

If your child has pierced ears, please remove earrings on P.E. days or provide tape. Long hair must be tied back for that day or provide a bobble.

We may go outside for PE so please make sure your child has something warm e.g. track suit bottoms/jumpers.

### Art

To name the primary and secondary colours.

To begin mixing colours.

To explore using tools to cut, tear, fray and twist.

### DT

Designing and creating gliders.

### Science

Materials

- To identify a variety of different materials and to describe their properties.
- To compare and group together a variety of everyday material

### Phonics/spellings

The children will have their phonics spelling test on **Fridays** this half term. Please help your child practise these at home. The children will be covering phase 3, 4 and 5 sounds and tricky words.

### Reading

Reading books are changed on a **Tuesday and Friday**. Children will be reminded to put their reading packet in the reading box in their classroom. Your child may get 2 reading books, one of which will be free choice and one which may help consolidate their phonic skills.

### Homework

Your child will have a homework book which will be sent home on Friday. Homework will be a mixture of writing, maths and topic. Homework books are due back on **Wednesdays**.

### Mental Maths tests

As part of the maths lessons, the children will be tested on counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s. This learning will be ongoing throughout the year to deepen the children's knowledge (e.g. missing numbers, ordering). If you would like to help your child at home with this, please practise this orally.

### Library Books

The children will be able to choose a book to take home each week Your child will need to bring their library book back in order to get a new book each week.

### Important Dates

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>** – World Book Day

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>** – Parent open afternoon (1.15 – 3.15pm)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Men Behaving Dadly morning (9-11am)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Reports home

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>** – PTA Easter Egg bingo 5-6pm)

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Year 1 Easter Assembly (9.15am)