

## Staff:

Mrs Gittins- Class Teacher  
Mr McSorley- TA  
Mrs Jones- TA (Tues-Thurs)  
Mr McKenna- TA (Monday)



## PE

The children will have PE every Thursday and Friday afternoon. On this day they should come to school in their PE kits which should consist of: black shorts/tracksuit bottoms and a white T shirt. Black PE hoodies can also be purchased to wear on PE days.



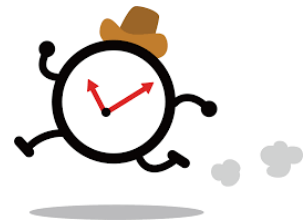
Earrings should be removed during PE days so that children can be safe in their lessons, if this is not possible then please provide them with plasters so that they can cover their earrings themselves.

Children will continue their swimming lessons later on in the school year, more information about this will follow closer to the time.

## Punctuality and attendance.

The doors to the classrooms will open at 8:45 (which is the official start of our school day), work will be provided by class teachers at this time and we would encourage all children to be in school and ready to work by 8:45 am.

We encourage children to attend school as often as possible and as a school we are working hard to improve attendance. This is particularly important in Year Six as the children are preparing for high school and it will be difficult for them to catch up on missed learning.



## Water

Water is available in class for those children without a water bottle. I do encourage children to bring their own and refresh it every day with water or weak juice from home.

## Important Dates

Year 6 SATs in 2026 will take place from **Monday 11 May to Thursday 14 May 2026**. The schedule is as follows: on Monday, children will sit the English grammar, punctuation, and spelling tests; on Tuesday, they will take the English reading test; and from Wednesday to Thursday, they will complete the mathematics tests.

Children will be encouraged to simply 'show what they know' during these tests and we do try to make this week as exciting as possible for the class. We do not want any child to feel stressed or pressured during this week, as we will do everything we can to ensure they are as prepared as *they* can be.

Our annual trip to Borwick Hall has been booked in for **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**. More information on this will be given nearer to the time.

## Topics

The first topic that the children will learn about is 'War and Peace'. This will include learning about WW1 and life during that time period. Other Topics that will be covered this year will be...

- Rivers
- Anglo Saxons
- Our Changing World
- Titanic



## Reading and Homework

This year at Moorside, we will be focussing on giving all children encouragement to read at home as often as possible. Children will also be given time to read their reading books at school each day (sometimes independently and sometimes with teachers). Children are encouraged to bring their reading books home daily but **must** bring them back as they will need to access them every day.

Homework is optional at Moorside and can be provided on a Friday for any children that wish to practise their skills at home. Please just let us know in advance so that suitable homework can be given out. The children who do choose to take homework (and complete it satisfactorily) will be rewarded with a treat (usually extra play or a session of dodgeball) every Friday afternoon.

I am very much enjoying getting to know your children and I am so impressed at their attitude towards learning and each other. As I am sure you are aware, the children are now at the top of the school and they are already stepping up to the raised expectations of Year Six admirably. Further information will come to you in due course regarding the exciting opportunities that this year can provide including SATs, Year 6 residential, water fights and so much more.

As always, I am happy to speak with parents before or after school regarding their children's progress, behaviour or any concerns you may have, so please approach me if you need to discuss anything at the start or end of the day. In addition to this my email address is

[rgittins@moorside-academy.co.uk](mailto:rgittins@moorside-academy.co.uk)

Emails sent to this address will be responded to during working hours, Monday-Friday.

Thankyou in advanced for your continued support of the school.

Roz Gittins

(Year Six teacher)

