



**MORLEY
VICTORIA
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Spring Term Review



This term has been jam packed with learning and fun experiences for all of the children across the school.

Writing

Writing continues to be on our school development plan and something we are working incredibly hard on in school. We have had further staff training and continue to develop and fine tune our writing process particularly focusing on the grammar knowledge needed within the process of writing.



Working with others

We continue to take the opportunity to collaborate with other schools in and around the Leeds area. This helps us to make improvements and be the best we possibly can be.

Pen Licences

Mrs Wood has been busy this term challenging lots of children to produce their best handwriting and gain their pen licence. Many children have shown resilience and determination to succeed.



Reading Ambassadors

Our older children continue to read with our youngest children in school. This is something that is wonderful to see, and the younger children are now waiting for their role models to arrive each week!

Reading Meetings

We have provided reading and phonics meetings for Key Stage 1 to talk about the process of reading, what we do at school and then how families can support their children at home too. When we work together, we see the greatest progress and impact.

Reading

Reading remains our number one focus (and always will be) both at school and encouraging our children to read with you at home. It is an essential life skill, and one which will be needed when they move to their next stage of education and beyond.



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Volunteer Readers

Our team of volunteer readers continues to grow and evolve, and we are so grateful for their time. They are really making a difference to our young readers at Morley Victoria.



Meta Club

This continues to be a popular lunchtime club. This takes place every Monday lunchtime. There are a range of activities on offer that are planned to promote and develop metacognitive thinking.

Governor Day

We have had our second Governor Day of this academic year – it was a very busy day in school where the governors experienced many aspects of school life. We would like to thank them for being so proactive and always getting involved in the life of the school.

Performance Poetry

All classes have had the opportunity to learn and perform poetry this term. They then performed to their team and the winners from each class performed their poems in a team assembly – there were some impressive performances.

Peer Review

We had lots of visitors from our academy to come and look at our approach to writing. They observed lessons, spoke to children and staff. They really enjoyed spending time in school and supported us with some ideas to further improve our offer.



Year 1 Active Maths

This term we hosted an active maths event for year 1 children in Morley. We had a number of schools attend and many of our year 1 children had the opportunity to take part in Active Maths sessions. Our year 5 children confidently ran the sessions too!

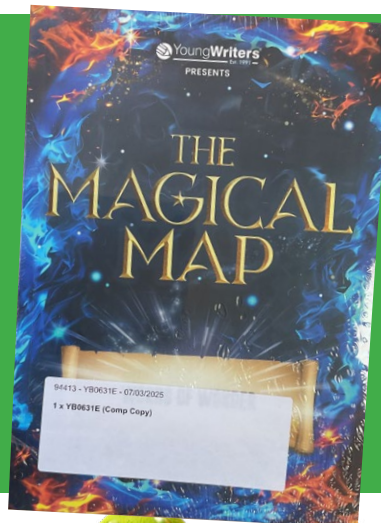
Moving and Learning

We continue to develop our approach to moving and learning in the classroom – this is something the children love to do. Miss Young is supporting the school to develop this further and we have more staff training booked for the end of the school year.



Young Writers Challenges

We continue to have so many children that have taken the opportunity to write for pleasure by entering the different Young Writers competitions – some of our older children are published authors multiple times!



Metacognition

We continue to develop the process of metacognition in school and have linked our work on Zones of Regulation to metacognition – more about this in our parents meeting in summer 2.



Be Internet Legends Assembly

We had a fantastic assembly all about staying safe online. There were some powerful key messages and it was enjoyed by all of Key Stage 2.

Science Week

In science week the children took part in activities and class discussions/challenges. It was lovely to hear the discussions around each challenge.

Cooking

Year 5 and 6 have continued to develop their cookery skills this term and have cooked a variety of sweet and savoury recipes. A huge thank you to Miss Sheppard who volunteers in the kitchen twice a week – without her these sessions would not be possible.



Intervention Groups

Our intervention groups continue this term right across school carefully targeting the children in each year group to ensure they are making good progress in all areas of school life.

Class Assemblies

We have started our class assemblies this term with Year 1 – it was wonderful to see the children performing to an audience about their learning so far this year – they have been really busy! There are more to come in the summer term!

Computing

We continue to develop further our computing curriculum and our online safety offer. Ensuring our children have the skills to use and adapt to the online world is crucial.



Vocabulary Development

We continue this year to develop the children's range of vocabulary through all lessons in school. We ensure the children are immersed in high level vocabulary throughout the school day.



Chess Competition

Mr Precious and the Curriculum Crusaders have planned and run year group chess competitions. We have had over 80 children in Key Stage 2 compete and we now have winners from Year 4, 5 and 6. We are mid-way through the Year 3 competition!

Languages

Miss Cook continues to teach languages in Key Stage 2 – the children are progressing well and enjoying learning another language.

Outside Area Development

We have a team of people that are working together to improve playtimes. We have lots of ideas and a plan in place to ensure we encourage lots of positive play experiences for all our children. Thanks to our PTA and all parents who donated and bought cakes on 14th February, we are a step closer to purchasing our outdoor equipment which we hope the children will be using by the summer term.



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Stay and Play

We have had stay and play/ share sessions in both Nursery and Reception. It was just lovely seeing the children showing their grown-ups round and being so proud of their classroom, learning and routines.

Swimming

Year 4 continue to make progress at the swimming pool and we are now giving out lots of certificates! They look forward to Tuesdays as they love the experience.



SATs Meeting

Our Year 6 parents were invited to a meeting about SATs – it was an opportunity to hear all about the week, ask questions and see what it involves and see some sample papers.

Learning Review Meetings

We have now had our second round of learning review meetings where families have had the opportunity to discuss their child's progress and how we can work together to ensure each child reaches their potential by the end of this year. Expectation documents for all subjects were issued at these meetings – please see the school website for electronic copies of all year groups.

The Curriculum

We work constantly to evolve our curriculum offer for our children – this is something we are very proud of.



Agents of Change

We continue to run this year with our year 5 and 6 children. It is designed to educate the children about all aspects of food education – food types, how we use it, prepare it and where it comes from.



Lates

We continue to run our late gate and work with families to ensure learning time is not lost and punctuality improves as it is a crucial life skill.

Development of our Subject Leaders

We are fortunate at Morley Victoria to have subject leaders that are passionate about their subject. We continue to ensure the curriculum is the best it can possibly be. More information to follow next half term when you receive our spotlight on curriculum newsletter.

NSPCC Numbers Day

This is always a day enjoyed by all in school. The children had lots of fun (whilst raising money) having a go at lots of challenging puzzles, played Beat The Chasers and 100% club too.

Holocaust Day

Year 6 recognised Holocaust Day in school this year and linked it to their learning around World War 2.



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Knowledge Building

As you know we have a knowledge-rich curriculum where we ensure the children are given the crucial knowledge they need to study a given subject and which allows them to progress through school. We are continuing with quizzes at the start of lessons and to round the week off to help the children lay the knowledge down into their long-term memory. It is so important that our children know more, remember more, and can do more.



Steph from Scientots came into school this term to do some science experiments with our Nursery children. They loved investigating and carrying out the experiments.

Nursery Open Evening

We recently held an open evening for prospective parents for entry into Nursery in September 25. This was a lovely event where families could visit the environment and see what we have to offer. We still have some nursery places available for September for both 15 and 30 hours -so if you know anyone who may be interested, please contact the school office.

Visit to Maths City

Some of our Key Stage 2 children were fortunate enough to visit Maths City with Mr Precious and Mr Stott – They enjoyed their trip into Leeds on the train and completing some further maths challenges!

Times Table Stay and Play Meeting

Our Year 4 parents were invited to a times tables stay and play meeting where they were introduced to the times table check – the facts and the skills required and then they had chance to play the games and activities with their children.



Books of the month

We have fiction, non-fiction and poetry books of the month. We add a Little People Big Dreams book to our collection each month too! These are displayed on our boards in the school grounds and posted on X each month.

Owlcotes MAT



We have settled in well to being a part of Owlcotes MAT and this is really making a difference to our school. We are sharing good practice, visiting each other's schools, networking with key groups in school and planning experiences for our children.



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High Schools

Our Year 6 children have found out their high schools this term and their transition from Morley Victoria to their next stage of education has now started.

Rocksteady

Our Rocksteady groups continue to make progress and we enjoy listening to them practise every Friday! This term's concert was yet again another highlight.



Young Voices

Our children really had the most amazing time at Young Voices this year – they worked really hard to learn the words to all of the songs and had the best time.



Attendance

Attending school on time, every day is crucial. The Department of Education have this firmly on their agenda. We continue to work with families to ensure our attendance is the best it possibly can be.

School Dinners

We continue to develop our school dinner menu as we move through the year so that we get as many children having these healthy, nutritious meals as possible.

Reading Homework Challenge

At half term Mrs Smith set the children a reading challenge. We know that many children took part and will hopefully be receiving their Blue Peter Badges soon.



Singing

Singing is a huge part of Morley Victoria and Fridays would not be the same without it. Mr Dougal teaches singing to all children in school which ensures clear sequencing and progression.

Easter

This year we have had an Easter Service in school and had an egg decorating competition – choosing a winner was a challenge!



Violin

Mr Whiston continues his violin groups which is lovely. He is currently working with Key Stage 2 children, and they are all making good progress. We are looking forward to their concert in the summer term.



Guitars

We have a good number of children in Key Stage 2 having Guitar lessons - building on from their skills they developed in ukelele sessions in Year 3.

Each year group has their own X page. We also have a whole school, inclusion and Basement Buddies account too. Make sure you are following us!



Website

We have been working so hard to develop our new website. We need to ensure everything about our school is on our website along with so much to help and support you at home. Please have a good look at what is available for you and your child/children.

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