



Moorside Primary School, Lancaster

National Curriculum 2021 – 2022

Our inspiring curriculum covers all the requirements of the National Curriculum in coherent and stimulating topic units summarised in the table below. Subject areas are linked and learning is set in context, giving children the best opportunities to embed their learning.

Below is a summary of our curriculum and gives the name of the topic and the main subject focus. More detail is given in separate documents showing curriculum coverage and progression for each subject and more detailed coverage for each year group.

| | Autumn Term 1 | Autumn Term 2 | Spring Term 1 | Spring Term 2 | Summer Term 1 | Summer Term 2 |
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| Reception | Bear Stories | Autumn Celebrations | Houses and Homes | Dinosaurs | Changing and Growing | Pirates |
| Year 1 | Under the Sea Main focus: Geography and Science | Seasons Main focus: Geography and Science | Castles Main focus: History and Geography | Explorers Main focus: Geography and History | Animals (Wild Things) Main focus: Science | Insects (Wild Things) Main focus: Science |
| Year 2 | Coasts Main focus: Geography | Victorians Main focus: History | China Main focus: Geography | Plants Main focus: Science | Chocolate Main focus: Science | Palaeontology Main focus: Science |
| Year 3 | Birds Main focus: Science and Geography | Wild World Main focus: Science and Geography | Ancient Egypt Main focus: History and Science | Humans Main focus: Science | World Food Main focus: Science and Geography | Stone Age Main focus: History And Science |
| Year 4 | Robotics Main focus: Science | Lancaster Main focus: History and Geography | British Invaders and Settlers (Celts and Romans) Main focus: History | | Forests Main focus: Science and Geography | Rainforests Main focus: Science and Geography |
| Year 5 | Science Main focus: Science | Explorers (Vikings) Main focus: History and Geography | 20 th Century Britain Main focus: History | | Ancient Civilisations (Ancient Greece) Main focus: History | Africa (Water) Main focus: Geography and Science |
| Year 6 | World War I Main focus: History | | Human Body Main focus: Science | | Survival Main focus: Geography and Science | Survival Main focus: Geography and Science |

Art, Music and Design/Technology are integrated into the topics and meaningful links are made. For example in our topic about the human body, in art children would explore how the body has been portrayed by different artists.

In addition to our topic work, some subjects are taught discretely; these include RE, PHSE, PE, French and Computing (including Online Safety) and Kidsafe which teaches children about how to keep themselves safe. More detail is provided about how we cover these areas in other parts of our website.

Assemblies promote our school values and develop a sense of community. Through our assemblies, we look at a value for month, with each value being revisited every second year. Where appropriate individual year groups explore values if they link to their topic.

Additional Opportunities

High quality activities and experiences inspire creativity and learning, enhanced by our wide range of visits and visitors to school. Technology is used effectively to support all aspects of the curriculum and we offer a wide range of musical instrument tuition as part of our curriculum. Our specialist French teacher delivers a high-quality language programme to all children in Key Stage 2 and further opportunities to develop the language are regularly built into the curriculum. Our sports teams cater for children of all abilities and interests. They range from having fun and trying a new sport to playing at a high level, performing successfully at school, city, county and national level.

Approach to Learning

At Moorside, we focus on positive learning attitudes and skills, enabling children to develop the lifelong skills to be effective learners. Opportunities to develop resilience, resourcefulness, risk-taking, responsibility and to build relationships underpin all our work in school, equipping children with the skills they need for the rest of their lives. Effective questioning and enquiry-based learning promote curiosity and develop children's critical thinking skills. Our teaching styles encourage discussion, questioning, role-play, debate and collaborative learning, enabling our children to become articulate and confident young people.

Learning beyond the classroom is a key feature of our curriculum. Our purpose-built outdoor classroom, woodlands, meadow, wild area, greenhouse and planting beds are in constant use to enhance learning opportunities across the school. From digging, building and exploring to bush-craft, camp-fire cookery, geocaching and survival skills, the range of outdoor learning opportunities at Moorside is unparalleled.

Educational Visits

Further opportunities for learning enhancement are offered to all of our children through a wide range of educational visits to support their topic work. Whether it is visiting a local farm or exploring new technology, all our visits are designed to offer unique experiences that make learning real. All the children in school are also offered a range of residential visits to develop their learning and personal development further afield:

- Bringing history alive, our Year 5 residential visit to York gives children first-hand experiences as archaeologists as they unearth our Viking heritage.
- Year 4 conclude their *Forests* topic with an overnight adventure to Grizedale Forest, camping out in the middle of the forest and refining their geographical skills – mapwork, navigation and route-planning. A visit to GoApe! gives children the chance to see the forest from a completely different perspective.
- Building on our outstanding French language programme, children in Key Stage 2 are offered the chance to immerse themselves in French culture and develop their language skills with our pioneering residential visit to Northern France.
- Outdoor learning is built into all our topic units and culminates with a week-long adventure spent exploring the lakes and mountains of the northern Lake District. The visit includes sailing, kayaking, abseiling, canoeing, ghyll scrambling, climbing, hiking and mountain biking, with all the activities taking place in and around Derwentwater, Whinlatter and the mountains surrounding Keswick.