



# Moorside Primary School, Lancaster

## National Curriculum 2023 – 2024

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
Reception	Bear Stories	Autumn Celebrations	Houses and Homes	Dinosaurs	Changing and Growing	Pirates
Year 1	Under the Sea Main focus: Geography and Science	Seasonal Change Main focus: Geography and Science	Castles Main focus: Geography and History	Wild Things Main focus: Science	Explorers Main focus: Geography	Growing Main focus: Science
Year 2	Coasts Main focus: Geography	People in the Past Main focus: History	China Main focus: Geography	Construction Main focus: DT and Science	Plants and Habitats Main focus: Science	
Year 3	Birds Main focus: Science and Geography	World Food Main focus: Science and Geography	Ancient Civilizations Main focus: History		Stone Age Main focus: History and Science	Underground Main focus: Science
Year 4	British Invaders and Settlers Main focus: History		Lancaster City Study Main focus: History and Geography		Engineering Main focus: Science	Forests and Rainforests Main focus: Science and Geography
Year 5	Space Main focus: Science	Vikings Main focus: History	Water Main focus: Geography and Science		20 <sup>th</sup> Century Main focus: History	
Year 6	World War I Main focus: History		Survival Main focus: Geography and Science		Human Body Main focus: 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 values which link to our main PSHE themes. 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 Spanish 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 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**

We believe in giving children a wealth of first hand experiences beyond the classroom. 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.
- 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.