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MORVEN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

We're all unique, together as one



As we embrace the spring term, I'm delighted to share some vibrant moments from our school life. Our recent pancake races, spiritedly conducted in the rain, epitomised the resilience and joy of our pupils. Despite the wet weather, their enthusiasm never wavered.

I'm particularly pleased to celebrate our excellent start to the new year of 2026. The energy, commitment, and positive momentum our school community has demonstrated are truly inspiring. Each day brings new opportunities for learning, growth, and shared achievement.

Mr Watson
Head Teacher

EARLY YEARS

F1

Our exciting theme for this term!



We can name different farm animals, sing songs about animals that live in a zoo, pretend to be woodland animals, play with creatures that live under the sea, explore different birds and hunt for minibeasts outside!

For our Talk for Writing focus we learned the story 'The Little Red Hen.' This is a story about a hen who needed help to make some bread, but unfortunately the bull, the cat and the rat were all too busy to help. When it came to eating the bread, they wanted to help... but no, the Little Red Hen ate it all up herself! Yum!
We enjoyed making and tasting bread! MIX, KNEAD, BAKE, EAT!









EARLY YEARS
F2

We started the term off with Bikeability and we enjoyed learning to ride a balance bike. We learned how to stay safe and how to play different games. We played 'follow the leader,' 'shark attack' and 'what's the time Mr Wolf.'





We had some special visitors from White Post Farm come to school. We stroked and held mice, rabbits, guinea pigs, snakes and giant cockroaches! We learned how to look after them and what they like to eat. We learned lots about mice to help us to understand our Talk for Writing story 'Baby Mouse.' Mice like to live in fields, they have an incredible sense of smell, they love climbing and their babies are called pups!







After half term we will begin our new theme 'Let's Celebrate.'

YEAR 1

This term we have been designing and making, we have learned all about axles and wheels and we have created amazing moving toys! We worked as Historians and visited Newstead Abbey to learn all about toys from the Victorian era. We went upstairs to the attic to learn how children used to play!

As scientists we have been learning all about everyday materials and we went on a rock hunt! We are all making great progress with our reading and writing, and writing stories independently! As mathematicians we have been using numbers up to 20 and we are practising our doubles!









YEAR 2

We've had a wonderful and exciting term in Year 2. One of our highlights was beginning the term with a magical dark event, where we gathered around a campfire to sing songs, sip hot cocoa, and toast marshmallows. The children have worked incredibly hard writing their own fantastic stories inspired by our model text, The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark.

In Art, we explored clay, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Another standout moment was our drama workshop with Partake Theatre Company. Through drama, mime, chanting and music, we brought to life the famous historical event, The Great Fire of London. The children recreated the houses of Pudding Lane and watched how rapidly the fire spread, exploring the events from Sunday 2nd September to Thursday 6th September 1666.





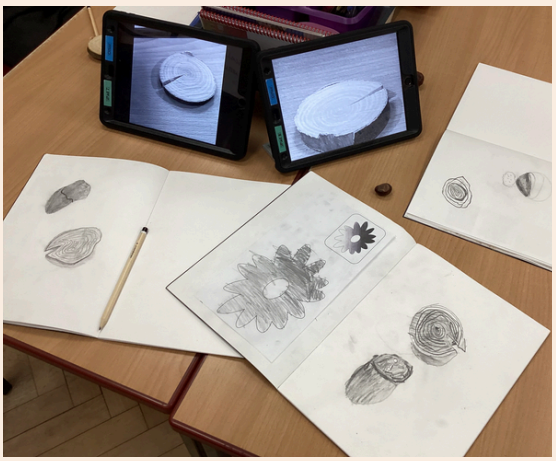
YEAR 3

Year 3 began this half term with a trip to Sherwood Forest. This hook day was a brilliant introduction into the writing unit based on 'The Great Kapok Tree.' This sparked the children's creativity which has led to fantastic writing outcomes.

In science, we have made fossils as part of our 'Rocks and Soils' unit, after learning how they are formed over millions of years.

In art, we have combined technology with the skills of sketching and shading to create shape and tone in our observational drawings.

The children are loving the challenge of the weekly times table grids and we are so proud of their hard work and the progress they are making. Keep up the great work!











YEAR 4

We have had a fantastic half term and the children have worked incredibly hard across all subjects. In English, we wrote our own portal stories, imagining that we had travelled back to Ancient Rome. The children were brilliant at recalling their knowledge from Year 3 and using it creatively to develop their own stories. In History, we have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians.

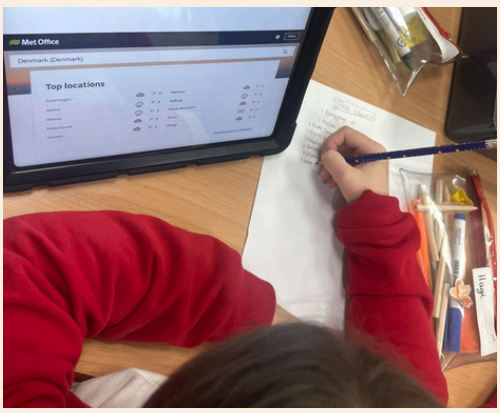
The children were fascinated by the mummification process and by the importance of the River Nile to everyday life in Ancient Egypt. In Maths, we have been working extremely hard to learn our times tables, which has been a great help when tackling formal multiplication and division. In Science, we have learned all about sound. We used a decibel meter to measure when our school day is at its loudest and quietest and carried out a range of exciting investigations.

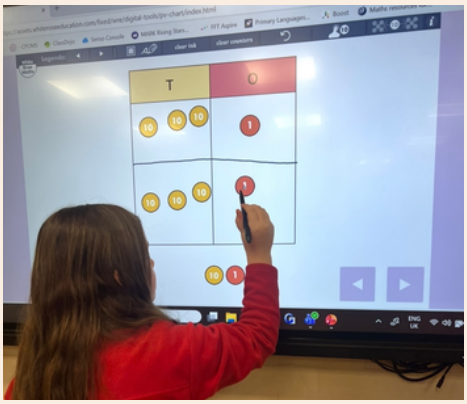
In Computing, we have got to grips with Microsoft Excel, producing spreadsheets to record weather from around the world and learning how to record, organise and sort data.

Well done to all the children for such a successful half term!











YEAR 5

In year 5 this half-term, we have been reading the story Beowulf fights the Monster, inspired by this we have written our own action story.

In maths, we've been working hard to learn long multiplication, division, and fractions. For Science this half-term, we have been thinking about the properties of materials and have carried out many experiments. In history, we have been learning about the Victorians, workhouses, coal mining and the impact on the local area of this industry. We very much enjoyed out Victorian Day.

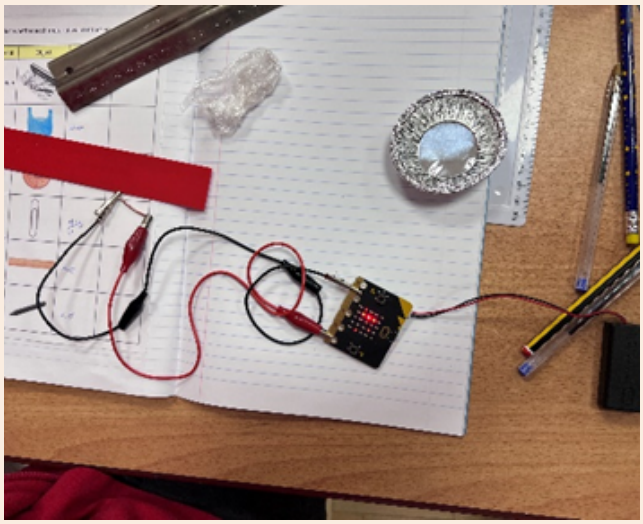
Our art this term has been inspired by Portraits, and we have been making mixed media self-portraits. We have been creating Space inspired soundtracks on Scratch in computing.

In R.E. we have considered what matters most to Christians, and have so far thought about Penecost, the Bible and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. We are looking forward to visiting Southwell Minster next half term to study RE.









YEAR 6

In Year 6 we worked hard in all subjects.
We have tried hard to achieve well when completing reading tasks and grammar, punctuation, and spelling activities.
We have experienced writing in short burst sessions building towards writing a flashback story. In mathematics we have particularly enjoyed the challenges of algebra and statistics. This half term we have made good progress in arithmetic and have benefited from the opportunity to attend Booster Club.
Science has involved the study of light, understanding how the eye works, how shadows are formed and what is refraction.
Studying the work of various artists has enabled us to look closely at artwork.
We have particularly enjoyed reproducing aspects of specific pieces. In Spanish we have considered sports and learnt words and phrases associated with a range of sporting activities. We have learnt from the opportunities provided by the school swimming team.
Our DAaRT Graduation enabled all of us to graduate and share with you our valuable learning experience. During RE we have looked at the Census Data from 2021 to identify the Religious diversity within our area; we also have considered the social problems in our area and who helps.
Our trip to Willersley Castle gave us the opportunity to take part in a range of activities and make memories we will keep forever. Those of us who stayed behind enjoyed our Eagle and Falcon project – do check out our display. Filming for BBC Bitesize was a great opportunity for many of us.
We are now looking forward to the next half term, preparing for the week commencing 11th May 2026 when our SATs will take place. Subsequently, we will be able to plan for Alton Towers, The Prom, Morven Park Day and our final camping trip. Making memories that we can carry into year 7.







Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging

At Morven Park, we believe that every child matters and that every child should feel that they belong in our school. Each class in Key Stage 2 has a Diversity Champion who helps the teachers in school to think about how we can achieve this objective.

In October, we used Black History Month to help us to learn about some Black British heroes, people who we might not usually hear about but who have achieved amazing things.

Our learning is shown on our display in the Centre and we are so proud of how the children showed their learning.
This week it has been Children's Mental Health Week and the focus this year has been 'This is My Place.' Children have been thinking about what makes them special and how they belong in our wonderful Morven Park community. Their artwork will be brought together to create a display which will reflect that at Morven Park,

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WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS NEXT TERM

BOOK FAIR
Thursday 26th Feb -
Weds 4th March 2026

WORLD BOOK DAY
Thursday 5th March 2026

RED NOSE DAY
Friday 20th March 2026

PARENTS EVENING
Monday 23rd March 2026
Tuesday 24th March 2026
Wednesday 25th March 2026

EASTER PARADE / NON-UNIFORM DAY
Friday 27th March 2026

REMINDERS
Swimming will start on Wednesday 4th March for Year 3 / Year 5

BREAKFAST CLUB / AFTERSCHOOL CLUB
Wrap around care is a pre paid booking service only. Please do not arrive without a pre booked place.

We look forward to welcoming all children back in school on Monday 23rd February.