



19/06/2022



MOAT FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHERE WE PREPARE FOR TOMORROW BY ACHIEVING TODAY

MESSAGE FROM MS STONE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was an absolute pleasure this week to welcome the brilliant children's author Onjali Rauf to Moat Farm Juniors. She gave a presentation to our children in Years 5 and 6 and then stayed for a couple of hours to sign books and talk to the children. What an inspiration she was! Our children sent her messages of hope and encouragement which just blew her away. Please see her Twitter feed if you want to see what they wrote - we absolutely have the best children at Moat Farm. Huge thanks go to Stour Vale Trust for including us in this author event and to Mrs Wilding and Dr Braznell for all their organisation and work in school. It was a very special day. Moat Farm University is up and running again for science in Year 5 with a new group of budding scientists. Mr McCormick is also running a MF University course for geography in lower school. The children are exploring immigration and how it has shaped Moat Farm. Thank you to all the parents who have completed the questionnaire. This is so useful as it means the children get to work with live data that is meaningful to our families. I am excited to see how this group develops.

Miss Climpson's class has completed their Multiplication Times Tables Check this week. The rest of the Year 4 classes follow on next week. Good tables knowledge is the basis of many skills in the maths curriculum, and it is vital that our children are as fluent as possible. Thank you to everyone who is working hard at home on Times Tables Rock Stars and please keep it up. It makes a real difference to our children's learning in maths.

Have a wonderful weekend ,

Lara Stone

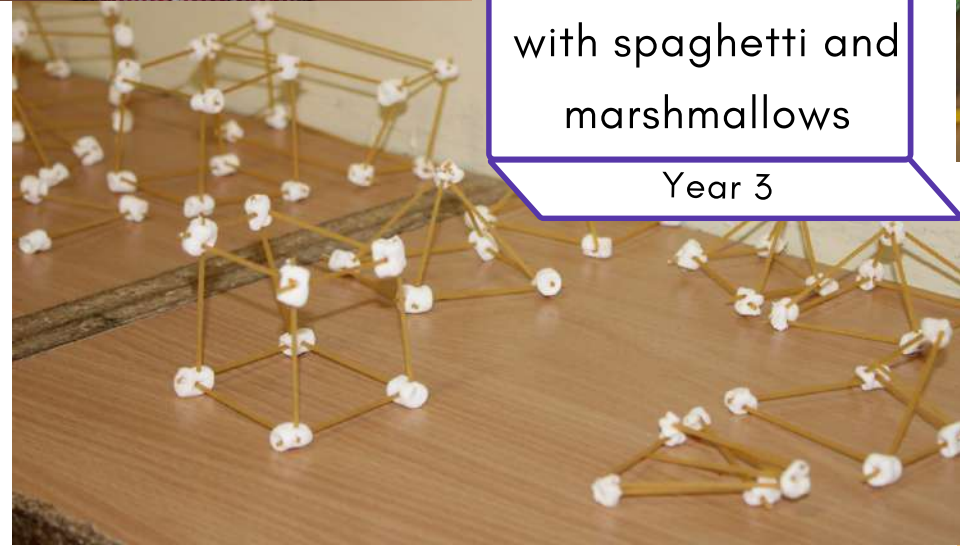


THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

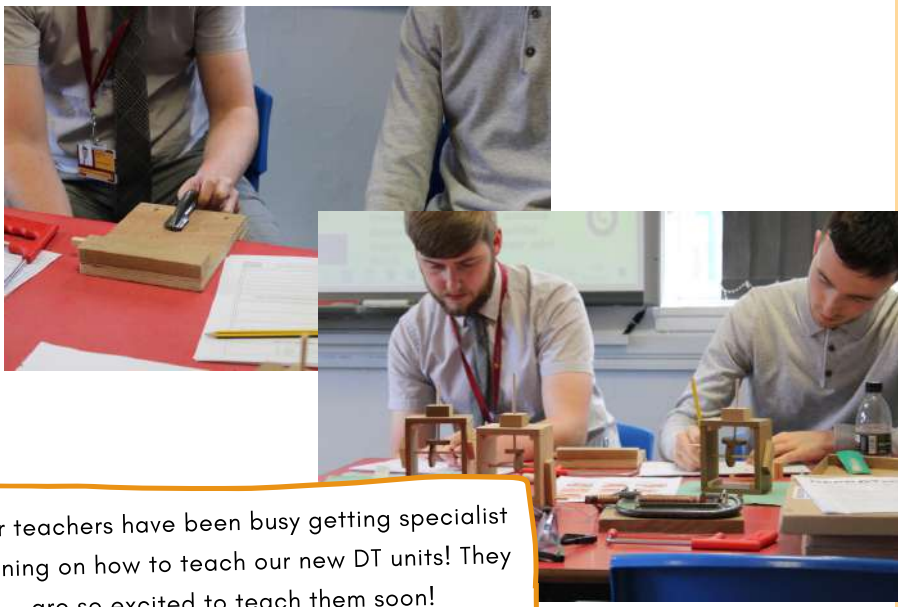


3D Shape making
with spaghetti and
marshmallows

Year 3



Year 5
Dissecting plants



Our teachers have been busy getting specialist training on how to teach our new DT units! They are so excited to teach them soon!

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ONJALI Q. RAUF

On Thursday 16th June, a selection of children at Moat Farm had the privilege of meeting prize-winning author Onjali Q. Rauf. Onjali gave a speech about her new book *Hope on the Horizon*, explaining the inspiration behind the book. This was a truly magical experience for our children and school, a day that will not be forgotten for years to come.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 27th June

Lower School Soccer Star challenge
Year 5 Sports Day

Tuesday 28th June

Upper School Soccer Star challenge
Year 4 Sports Day

Wednesday 29th June

Year 3 Sports Day

Thursday 30th June

Year 6 Sports Day

Friday 15th July

Pupil reports sent home

Monday 18th July

Year 6 Party 4:15 - 5:30
Yellow 6 & Green 6

Tuesday 19th July

Year 6 Party 4:15 - 5:30
Red 6 & Blue 6

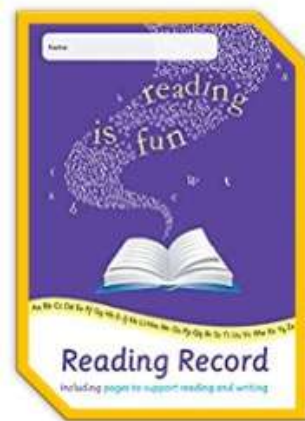
Thursday 21st July

Break up for Summer Holidays

22/23 *Dates*



**Two more Teacher Training Days to be allocated
Dates will be confirmed closer to the time**



**REMEMBER
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NEEDS TO BRING
THEIR READING
RECORD EVERY
DAY!**

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ATTENDANCE NEWS

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ATTENDANCE UPDATE

We need to try really hard this year to make sure every year group is achieving or beating **96.7%**. We can only do this if we all work together!

Our attendance for w/c 6.6.22 was

96.1%

Lower School Weekly Attendance Champions:

Green 4

100% well done!

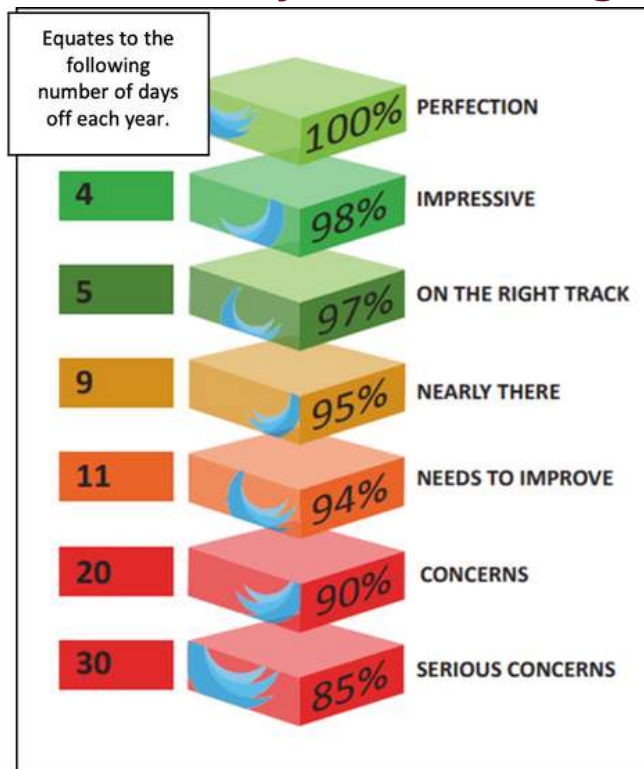
Upper School Weekly Attendance Champions:

Yellow 5

98.4%

We have launched our new attendance incentive this week. Pupils with 100% attendance each week will be entered into a draw at the end of term to win a prize. The children are very excited about this and understand the more 'full' weeks they attend, the more raffles tickets they will earn.

How well is your child doing?



Moat Farm Junior Attendance League this half term

Lower School

Blue 3		Blue 4	
Green 3		Green 4	1
Red 3		Red 4	
Yellow 3		Yellow 4	

Upper School

Blue 5		Blue 6	
Green 5		Green 6	
Red 5		Red 6	
Yellow 5	1	Yellow 6	

Each week, classes receive a point for having the best attendance within lower and upper school.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE W/C 6.6.22

Yellow 3	98.4%
Red 3	97.1%
Green 3	96.1%
Blue 3	88.8%
Yellow 4	96.7%
Red 4	93.8%
Green 4	100%
Blue 4	93.5%
Yellow 5	98.4%
Red 5	94.8%
Green 5	97.2%
Blue 5	95%
Yellow 6	94.3%
Red 6	97.9%
Green 6	95.3%
Blue 6	96.7%

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MATHS



At this point in the year in Maths lessons, our children have been taught most of the key knowledge that is essential to their year group. Our children spend most of this term developing their mathematical reasoning, investigating and applying the skills learnt at their year group level in different contexts. We are incredibly excited to share an NRICH problem that has been solved by Zane in Blue 4. Here is his solution:

Zane was very systematic in his approach. He spotted straight away that all the numbers were odd.

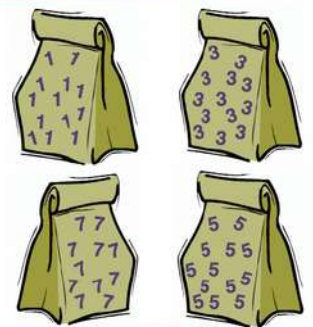
"First I saw that all of the numbers were odd. I tried adding them to make 37 but it never worked. Then I saw that I had to add an even amount of odd numbers, this means that the answer will always be even. It was impossible to make 37 like that because 37 is odd. It can't be done."

Zane - you have shown that you are so resilient, you kept trying until you got the answer! We are so proud of you!

Make 37

Four bags contain a large number of 1s, 3s, 5s and 7s.

Can you pick ten numbers from the bags that add up to 37?



nrich.maths.org