



## Moredon Primary & Nursery School

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Welcome to Term Four!

Our topic this term is **The Ancient Maya Civilisation** – please see the topic web for more information about our learning.

Our Young Voices trip is on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026 for those who have signed up. Please refer to our previous letter and Dojo for further information. Children not coming on the trip are expected to be in school as usual – Miss Laila, Mrs Eccles and Mrs Cager will be present to take care of the Year 6s in school on this date.

**Timings and Attendance:** A reminder that our classroom doors are open from 8.30am each day, and the register taken promptly at 8.35am. We would like to stress the importance of children's punctuality and attendance in Year 6 as we get ever closer to SATs in the spring – it is crucial for their learning.

**Reading:** Every child has a colour banded reading book which they read to adults in school. They are also welcome to use the school/class libraries to choose a reading for pleasure book. We expect everybody to read at home on a regular basis. **Please spend time listening to your child read and talk to them about the texts.** Any home reading should be recorded in your child's reading record. During half terms and school holidays, we will send home additional reading texts and questions in preparation for SATs.

**Spellings:** Each week, we focus on a different spelling pattern in school. Children are given word lists to practise on Mondays which contain the pattern we are learning and these are tested on Friday mornings. These spelling patterns may appear in the spelling SATs paper so it is beneficial for children to spend time learning them. Please continue to use EdShed to help with this. (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling homework will be given to children for half terms and school holidays.)

**Times Tables:** We will continue to complete practice arithmetic papers on Fridays in class. A large part of arithmetic is dependent on a secure knowledge of times tables and their corresponding facts. Please continue to practise your child's times tables and division facts on a daily basis as this will hugely benefit their arithmetic speed.

**Home Learning:** Maths homework will continue to be given out on Fridays. This is based on the learning we have completed during the week – therefore it is consolidation not new learning. **Maths homework is due in on Thursday mornings.**

**Uniform:** Please ensure correct uniform is worn to school each day. This includes no jewellery (stud earrings accepted) and no nail varnish or false nails. Footwear must be fully black.

**PE:** PE will continue to take place on **Mondays** (dance indoors) and **Thursdays** (football outdoors). Children must have their full PE kits on these days – note that outdoor kits may get muddy/wet so a full kit is required, including a change of footwear, and it will need washing at home each week:

- **White** t-shirt
- **Black** shorts/bottoms
- Trainers (no football boots)
- **Black** sweater/hoody (school jumper can be used)

**Jewellery cannot be worn for PE and long hair must be tied up – please ensure children have hairbands on PE days.**

**Snacks/Water:** Please make sure that your child comes to school with a healthy snack (fruit, cereal bar, etc.) and a water bottle every day. We are a nut free school so we ask that children do not bring in any foods containing nuts or seeds. **We have noticed that morning snacks and packed lunches have become increasingly unhealthy recently – we'd really appreciate it if you could check the food that your child is bringing to school so that it is substantial and provides them with a steady source of energy, rather than a quick sugar rush.**

**Coats:** Please ensure your child has an appropriate coat in school each day so that they can play outside. A forewarning that wellies will also be required for the field once Opal Play is launched – however, we are still awaiting confirmation of when this will be.

**Mobile Phones:** If children bring mobile phones to school, **they must be turned off whilst on school site** and given to their teacher at the beginning of the day to be stored securely.

**Trip Payments:** Just a reminder to continue paying the installemnts for the upcoming trips if your child has booked a place – if you need help with this, please contact the school office:

**Pencelli** (Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026) – Full amount to be paid by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Thorpe Park** (Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026) – Full amount to be paid by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

*Please note that it is possible to add children to the Pencelli trip as long as payments can be made, however, we are unable to add children to the Thorpe Park trip as tickets have already been ordered.*

**SATs Dates:** Here is a remnder of the SATs dates for your information:

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Reading

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Maths Arithmetic and Reasoning

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Maths Reasoning

*We will run a final full set of mock SATs two weeks before this.*

**Contact:** If you ever have any questions or need to get in touch, please use Class Dojo to send us a message, or contact the school office using [admin@moredon.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@moredon.swindon.sch.uk) / 01793 600344. We'll always do our best to get back to you as soon as possible, but please remember that we are teaching during the day and don't typically check messages during this time.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss Carter and Mrs Brasier-Ayres