



Y6 News

Autumn 1 2026



Welcome back! We hope you've had a lovely time over the summer and are ready to start the new school year. We are really looking forward to getting to know you and working together, so that your child has a very exciting and productive final year at Longmoor.

Maths



We will be covering a variety of areas this half term including place value and the four operations. Please support your child to learn their times tables and to complete their weekly practice at home. As always, we encourage the children to spend time, when possible, to use Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). All children are expected to access this at home regularly in replacement of weekly homework tasks.



PE

All children should come to school dressed in their PE kits on their allocated PE days. P.E kits should consist of black or grey leggings or tracksuit bottoms and a white T-shirt. Children should wear school jumpers as normal. Children should also wear normal school shoes and should have plimsolls or trainers to change into before the lesson. Our PE days for this half-term are:

Tuesdays: Outdoor PE (Foot Golf)

Thursdays: Indoor PE (Gymnastics)

Reading



Reading is a vital skill that supports all areas of children's learning. It is important that children are reading regularly to adults at home and having their homework diary signed to complete the reading challenge - earning a free book from Mrs Dainty in doing so. There are also lots of opportunities to earn rewards for hitting their Accelerated Reading targets of an 85% quiz average and an average reading time of 25 minutes per day. In addition to this, children should be accessing Reading Plus once or twice a week at home to aid their reading fluency. Those at the top of the leader board each week will have the potential to win prizes or be on the Dream Team!

English

Our daily English lessons will feature a range of texts and genres including *The Spider and the Fly* by Mary Howitt which links in with our science topic of classification. There will be lots of opportunities to develop writing skills over the term.

Spelling

We will be focusing on a different spelling rule each week. The children will be taught the rule on Mondays, and complete activities each day within our English lessons. There will be no weekly spelling tests. Children have access to Spelling Shed games using the username and password in their reading records.

Topic

This half term's geography topic is: 'How do maps help us to find our way around?' The children will learn how to use OS maps, compasses, grid references and learn about different time zones.



Science

In science, the topic 'How are living things grouped and classified?' will see the children learn about classifying animals and finding out about microorganisms. We'll also explore the ground-breaking work of Carl Linnaeus and his classification system which is still used today.

Homework

Homework is separated into must do/optional tasks to help parents/carers/children fit this into their busy schedules. Must do tasks: weekly TTRS, Reading Plus and reading to an adult. Optional tasks: Nandos homework (this can be found on the Y6 page of the school website or your child can ask for a copy).

Diary Dates

17.9.26: Friesland Open Evening (5.30-7.30pm)

24.9.26: Wilsthorpe Open Evening (6.00pm)

Phew! What a busy half term! We are looking forward to meeting you and look forward to the year ahead.

Miss Hughes, Mr Green
and Mr Oyston