



Moorside Primary School *Prospectus*





Welcome to Moorside

On behalf of the whole school community, we would like to welcome you to Moorside Primary School. As a popular and successful primary school located in south Lancaster, we are incredibly proud of the reputation of our school within the city, our high academic standards and the outstanding pastoral care that we offer our children. Our school is set in extensive grounds with woodlands, meadows, dedicated sports facilities and an outside classroom.

Moorside learners are challenged and inspired by our innovative curriculum that not only provides a high level of academic rigour, but also develops key life-skills which enable our children to be the best that they can be whilst equipping them for the next stage of their learning journey. Our children are responsible, reflective, resourceful and not afraid to take risks with their learning.

Our dedicated and caring staff team bring an extensive range of experiences to our diverse and inclusive school community, where the children are at the centre of everything we do.

“Education and inspiration”
- Robyn



Mr Roger Shone
Headteacher

Mr Jonathan Whitwell
Deputy Headteacher





An International Family

Moorside is a diverse and welcoming community with children from all over the world. Our curriculum develops children's understanding of different cultures and with children and staff fluent in over thirty languages, Moorside is truly an international family.

Our links with Sri Lanka develop children's global awareness, along with a greater understanding of sustainability, global responsibility and understanding of wider world issues.

"Cultures coming together"
- Phoebe & Rebecca





Early Years Foundation Stage

Children are welcomed to Moorside by our highly experienced Reception staff team; specialist Early Years Practitioners deliver the very best quality provision in order that our children have the best start to their school life with us.

Our Early Years setting is spacious, vibrant and welcoming and staff have an intimate knowledge of all our Reception children. Children are taught in classes and small groups which cater for their individual needs and allows them to grow in confidence, whilst developing their independence and personal relationships. Our Reception classrooms are fun, stimulating spaces and the outdoor environment offers a wide range of learning opportunities in our extensive grounds, promoting children's curiosity in the world around them and developing their personal learning skills.





"Adventurous resilient individuals"
- Toby



Outdoor Learning

Learning beyond the classroom is a key feature of our curriculum. Our purpose-built outdoor classroom, 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 bushcraft, camp-fire cookery, geocaching and survival skills, the range of outdoor learning opportunities at Moorside is unparalleled.



Learning 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.
- Building on our outstanding French language programme, children in Key Stage 2 are now offered the chance to immerse themselves in French culture and develop their language skills with our pioneering residential visit to Northern France.
- 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.

Teaching, Learning and Curriculum

Our inspiring new curriculum covers all the requirements of the National Curriculum in coherent and stimulating topic units. Subject areas are linked and learning is set in context, giving children the best opportunities to embed their learning. Learning is personalised and our skilled team of teaching assistants support individuals and small groups, ensuring every child achieves their potential.

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 French 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 consistently play at a very high level, performing successfully at school, city, county and national level.



Building Learning Power

At Moorside, we focus on building learning power, 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.

"Individual artistic minds"
- Haipei





Literacy

Literacy skills are taught within the context of topics, giving children a purpose and focus for their writing. Speaking and Listening, Reading and Writing are all given high priority and children leave Moorside well-equipped with a high level of literacy.

High quality phonics teaching enables children to read with confidence. Texts are carefully chosen to inspire a love of reading and our well-resourced library promotes reading for pleasure. Children with English as an additional language are very well supported and learn quickly with targeted language teaching.

“Outstanding bespoke lessons”
- Davan

Numeracy

Our Numeracy teaching sets mathematical skills in context, relating numerical knowledge and understanding to real-life situations. Practical resources, models and images aid children's conceptual understanding and children are encouraged to apply their skills to different situations.

Older children are taught Numeracy in ability groups, enabling more personalised learning and targeted support.





“Inspiring great success”
- Phoebe

Extended Services and Extra-Curricular Provision

We offer quality wrap-around care, beginning with our popular Breakfast Club, serving breakfast and providing a wide range of creative activities to give children a positive start to their day in school.

All the children in school are also offered a range of residential visits to develop their learning and personal development further afield. Clubs and extra-curricular activities cater for a wide range of interests, from traditional sports, chess, choir, multi-skills and different instrumental tuition.

Our After-School Club offers care after the end of the school day and during some school holidays.





Values, Behaviour and Role Models

Our children are outstanding role models and ambassadors for our school. Values, learning behaviours and citizenship are embedded within the curriculum and assemblies, and our pastoral care is outstanding.

House Captains model positive behaviour and Buddies mentor younger children, leading play activities.

Staff and children are incredibly proud to be part of the Moorside family and this is reflected in their enthusiasm and dedication to their learning and also how they care and support each other in every aspect of school life.

An active School Council works alongside the staff to ensure our children's views and feedback are fed into whole-school initiatives, with ambassadors representing our school at the local Pupil Parliament.

“Outstanding role models ”
- Jamie



Confidence, Independence and Readiness for Life

Our children learn to take responsibility from an early age, allowing them to grow in confidence and independence through their time with us. Our nurturing and supportive environment allows them to take risks and build relationships, becoming responsible citizens. Close links with secondary schools ensure that children are well supported through their transition.

After their time with us at Moorside, our children leave us as confident, articulate young people. We are always incredibly proud of our Year 6 leavers and are safe in the knowledge that they are very well-equipped for the next stage of their learning journey.

"Independent responsible citizens"
- Katie





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