



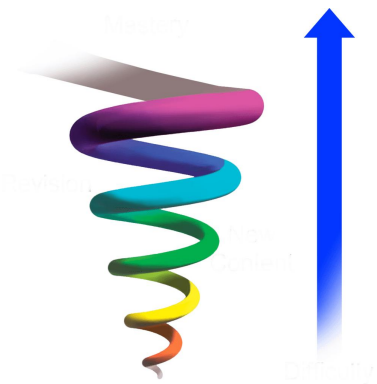
Dear Families,

September 2025

We hope you all had a wonderful Summer break and are ready for the beginning of a new academic year! We are really looking forward to welcoming back the children and we are both excited to teach them and begin our learning journey together.

As we settle into the new academic year, we appreciate your support as the children adjust to the new routines. For the children new to KS2, some of the routines will be slightly different for them and we will focus on building their independence.

This term the children across Key Stage 2 will be learning World Geography. At South Moreton, we use a spiral approach where we sequence learning in order to build on previous knowledge. Understanding deepens over time, creating an ever-widening spiral of knowledge embedded in the long-term memory of our pupils. We Please see the learning web outlining the rest of the curriculum we will cover.



Homework:

Reading

At South Moreton we do not set large pieces of homework, as educational research proves that this is of little value in Primary School, and our parents have supported this. **However, we do expect children to read daily, as this is the single most effective way to build academic success.** Reading at home is crucial for Puffins to build the vocabulary, imagination and understanding they will need for their writing and other academic learning.

We are continuing our weekly whole-school competition to reward 'Reading Nights', and ask that children read for 20 minutes per night Monday - Thursday, recording progress in their reading diary. Below are some question prompts to support you to read with your child and enjoy conversations with them about what they have read.

[KS2 Reading VIPERS](#)

Children in Years 3 and 4 will be expected to read regularly at home and discuss their reading and inferences that can be drawn from what they've read. We will send home a reading record so that the children can share everything they are reading at home. **We will check these on Fridays.** We encourage the children to take responsibility for filling in their reading records and for parents to support them with this. Children will be able to change their reading books on a Monday so please remind them if they need to do this.

Spellings

We will be working on spellings in class and will send home a set of spellings each week on a Monday with a test taking place at the end of the week. Please help your child to learn these.

Times Tables

We will be focusing on times tables this term so please encourage your child to practice their times tables every day. There will be a Government Times Tables Test for Year 4 at the end of this academic year. The mathsframe website is great for practice, and is very similar to the real test, so please encourage your child to do a little bit each day. They will need to feel confident in all their times tables.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

You may like to supplement children's work in school by completing some of the enrichment activities below at home.

Make a quiz about a country in the world	Create a map of your favourite place	Write an adventure story about an explorer travelling the world.
Create a wordsearch relating to countries of the world. We can copy at school and give to the rest of the class to enjoy.	Draw, paint or build a famous monument from around the world.	Research an animal or plant from around the world and create a fact page or presentation

Routines:

PE will be on **Wednesday and Thursday** each week and children should come to school in their PE kits. Please don't store PE kits in school. It is important that children have a **warm, waterproof coat** every day too as we will be outside a lot in all weathers.

We ask that children please come in with a **named water bottle** and some labelled indoor and outdoor shoes to wear. This is so the children can have access to the field in all weathers.

Puffin class will be taught by both Miss Crossan and Mrs Higgins. Please feel free to email the Office if you have any questions and we will be happy to help with anything at all.

Many thanks for your support.
Miss Crossan and Mrs Higgins
Puffins teachers