

Welcome to Year Three.

3/9/20

Welcome back to Moorside Academy after what has been a very strange time for many of you and your children. I personally cannot wait to teach this class again and have been excited to get to know them again and see how much they have changed and grown.

I know you have received information regarding how the school plans to maintain children's safety through regular hand washing routines, respiratory hygiene practises and extremely regular cleaning of rooms and resources. I would like to reassure you that we are ready for your children to return and can't wait to get back to some 'nearly normal' teaching and learning.

#### Adults



Mrs Gittins - Class Teacher

Miss Connor- Teaching Assistant

Mr McKenna - Teaching Assistant.

#### PE

PE is every **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** morning. Children are asked to wear suitable sports kit to school **for the day** on those days. They will stay in sports clothes all day. Suitable sports kit could take the form of a tracksuit, leggings and a t-shirt or shorts and t-shirt (depending on the weather). We discourage children to wear crop tops to school for PE.

#### Breakfast

We continue to provide a healthy breakfast for the children at school. They will be given the choice of a bagel or healthy cereal.

#### Water

Children will be given disposable cups which will be refreshed every day so that they have access to a drink throughout the day. If you wish to send a water bottle filled from home this will return each day to be cleaned and refreshed.

At lunch time children are given the option of water, milk or juice.

We do not encourage children to bring juice to school in a water bottle as this can be harmful to their teeth as well as affect their behaviour.



#### Punctuality and Attendance

Children from Year Three will enter the school at 8.55 am. If children have siblings lower down in the school you can drop your Year Three child off at the Year Three door from the earlier time that their siblings have been given. We encourage children to attend on time every day (that they possibly can) so that their learning is not disrupted.

### Homework/Reading

Children will start to bring home a reading book at some point during the start of the school year and I encourage all parents/guardians to spend time with their children reading books (school reading books and books from home) together every night whenever possible, as this will help your child to make the most progress.

Reading books will be changed regularly but we need to see that your child has read their book at home so **don't forget to write in their reading diaries** (even just the date and stating that they have read will help us to know that they have read).

Home work continues to be available on request. Let me know if you wish for additional resources to access at home to assist your child with their learning.

I would still encourage your children to read their own books from home. This is fantastic practise for them and we encourage children to read all kinds of books to you and to themselves, however we ask that for now you also encourage them to read the books that we send home for them at least three times a week as the books are specifically chosen to help your child to interact with text at just the right level for their phonic understanding as well as their ability to comprehend what they have read.



### Topics

Our first topic in Year Three is 'Yabadabadoo.' Which looks at learning through the Stone Age topic. Children will access literacy, numeracy, science, geography and history using the topic as a way to make the learning more relevant to them.

Other topics we plan to cover include:

- Chocolate
- Yuk
- Romans
- Liverpool
- Rainforests

You can help your child by talking to them about the topic that they are working on at school, or even looking at books, the internet and magazines about the topic together.

Thankyou as always for your continued support.

Mrs Gittins  
(Y3 Teacher)