

WELCOME TO YEAR 4!

Teaching Staff:

Mr. Hatton/Mrs. Cromby, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Gleave/Mrs. Jones.

PE Days

The children will have PE every Monday and Thursday. They can come to school in their PE kits which should be black shorts/tracksuit bottoms and a white T shirt, they can wear their school jumper or cardigan with this. Earrings should be removed during those days so that children can be safe in their lessons, if this is not possible then please cover their earrings with a plaster.



Punctuality and attendance

The doors to the classrooms will open at 8:45 each day (the official start of our school day). Work will be provided for children and we would encourage all children to be in school for this time. We also encourage children to attend school as often as possible and as a school we are working hard to improve attendance.



Water

Water is available in class for those children without a water bottle. I do encourage children to bring their own and refresh it every day with water from home.

Reading and Homework

Children should read at home at least three times a week and book bags and books will be changed regularly. Homework is optional and is available from class on request.

Topics



World War II
Antarctica
Ancient Egypt
Natural Disasters
Ancient Greece
Water



The first topic that the children will learn about is World War 2 and this will be accompanied by the Science topic of Electricity.



Times Tables

This year, the children will take part in the statutory Multiplication Tables Test for Year 4. The children will be required to sit this test in the summer term so it is therefore very important children learn and know their times tables. We will be practicing regularly in class but it is also important for the children to practice at home as well where possible. The children do have their own log in details for Times Table Rockstars, which they can play online at home if they want to. When using TT Rockstars, please can children use the **garage mode** as this mimics the real test. Another great website to use is [timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check](https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check) – this is tool is as close to the real test as it gets, so is perfect for the children to use throughout the year and doesn't require a login!

I am very much enjoying getting to know Year 4, we have had a fantastic start the new term. I know they are more than ready to succeed in Year 4! I am more than happy to speak with parents before or after school where possible so feel free to approach me if you need to discuss anything at the start or end of the day. You may also contact me via email on ecrombie@moorside-academy.co.uk.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of the school and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards,
Mr Hatton /
Mrs Cromby.



Why is reading so important?

Reading is crucial for Moorside children as it lays the foundation for academic success, improves thinking skills and enhances emotional and social development. We firmly believe that **EVERY** child is a reader and that **EVERY** future job they will have, will need them to be! Reading books helps children develop their basic language skills and profoundly expands their vocabularies far more effectively than any screen can. Through reading, children become critical thinkers, develop their understanding of right and wrong and begin to determine their own set of values. Books develop children's imagination, expanding their worlds. They offer a world of information, experience and knowledge, helping us discover where we come from, while inspiring and providing us with the tools to dream about where we would like to go. Best of all, reading is free! Children use our school library regularly to borrow books and can also access the local public library near The Concourse.

**The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you will go.**
— Dr. Seuss

What you can do to help your child.

Reading fluency only improves with practice and we therefore ask that you support your child by encouraging them to read as often as possible at home (**a minimum of 3 times a week**), either with you (younger children) or independently (older children). Reading is a key strength in our school due to the AMAZING partnership we have with school and home. This year, classes will be rewarded when they collectively read so many times, so every read will be recorded and the more they read, the more treats their class will get!

Thanks for your anticipated support with pushing reading and its importance at home! We love to read and we love our community! Mr. D x