

WELCOME TO YEAR 5

THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

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.

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!

STAFF

Your child's teaching team this year is Mrs Coyne, Mr McKenna and Miss Jacob

We are available on the door morning and afternoon or on dojo.

Mrs Coyne's email is:

hcoyne@moorside-academy.co.uk

PE

PE will take place Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this half term. Children MUST wear a white t-shirt, black joggers or leggings, black hoodie/jumper & trainers.

HOMEWORK

As well as reading each week children will be set spellings and spelling rules that we learn in class each week.

Homework will be given out each Friday and will consist of a maths activity and reading comprehension.

Children will also be set challenges and battles on TT Rockstars as this will continue to improve their arithmetic skills.

We also have a 'Home Wall' area where children can share their achievements and learning from outside the classroom.