



Morton Academy

The best in everyone™

Part of United Learning

RR/KRE

28th March 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

Reading is one of the academy's priorities as we believe it is vital for all students to be able to read well and to enjoy reading. So, as the Spring term draws to a close, I just wanted to use this opportunity to make you aware of some of the amazing reading events that have happened this academic year:

- We've been visited by two authors. Laura Noakes spoke to Year 7 about her book 'Cosima Steals a Star' and the wonderful Tom Palmer spoke to Year 8 as part of our Jewish Living Exhibition.
- Year 7 also took part in a virtual Q&A with author S J Wills. Her book 'Bite Risk' is one of our current favourites.
- There was a reading buzz on World Book Day as students followed clues to identify five, much loved books and our Readathon raised £1800 to buy books for children in hospital.
- This term also saw the launch of our 'Reading Buddies' scheme with students visiting local primary schools to share our love of reading.
- Next term we're looking forward to welcoming The Book Fair in May, celebrating The Spellbinding Awards in June and to visiting even more of our fantastic feeder primary schools.

We all know the many benefits of reading, and more and more supporting research is being published showing that reading for pleasure builds empathy amongst children and improves wellbeing and happiness. Reading is a skill we continue to develop throughout our lives, but continuing this process through secondary school, and during the school holidays has significant benefits for our continued success as readers. This is why, as parents and carers, you play a vital role in supporting your child in becoming a fluent reader who is confidently able to apply their reading skills across all areas of their lives. Research also suggests that children who read regularly outside of school perform significantly better in school assessments and so your support at home is even more essential in ensuring that your child makes the progress they are capable of. You can help your child to achieve their full potential by encouraging them to enjoy reading and particularly with younger students, sharing books together. Reading widely through all these approaches will help develop your child's vocabulary, which in turn will make them more confident when reading more challenging books. Giving your child a choice over what they read is an important factor in boosting their enthusiasm for reading and children are more likely to be interested in books they have selected for themselves.

Attached is a list of recommended Spring reading based on the Spellbinding and Carnegie Medal shortlists (with a couple of our favourites thrown in for good measure!).

Yours sincerely

Rachel Robinson

Carrie Mulholland

Rachel Robinson
Assistant Principal

Carrie Mulholland
School Librarian

Richard Rose Morton Academy, Wigton Road, Carlisle CA2 6LB
t 01228 822644 • e info@rrma.org.uk • www.rrma.org.uk

Richard Rose Morton Academy is part of United Learning. United Learning comprises: UCST (Registered in England No: 2780748. Charity No. 1016538) and ULT (Registered in England No. 4439859. An Exempt Charity). Companies limited by guarantee. VAT number 834 8515 12. Registered address: United Learning, Worldwide House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough, PE3 6SB.

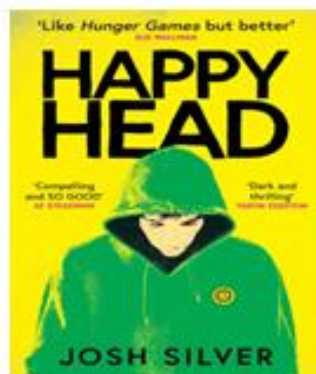
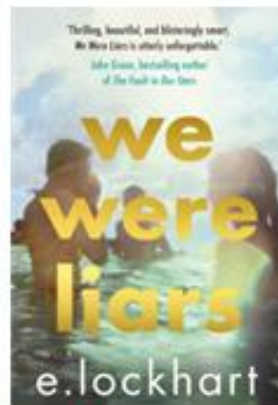
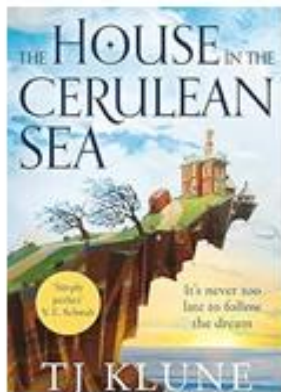


Morton Academy

The best in everyone™

Part of United Learning

Spring Reading



Richard Rose Morton Academy, Wigton Road, Carlisle CA2 6LB
t 01228 822644 • e info@rrma.org.uk • www.rrma.org.uk

Richard Rose Morton Academy is part of United Learning. United Learning comprises: UCST (Registered in England No: 2780748. Charity No. 1016538) and ULT (Registered in England No. 4439859. An Exempt Charity). Companies limited by guarantee. VAT number 834 8515 12. Registered address: United Learning, Worldwide House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough, PE3 6SB.