

MOORFIELD MINDSET

From time to time, you may hear your child mentioning the 'Moorfield Mindset'. This is a phrase that we use in school when we talk about what attributes are needed to be successful. There is actually quite a lot of literature available within this field and we have broken this concept down into seven key areas below. Over the next few weeks, we will be discussing all of these attributes in assembly.

1. Concentrate

Being able to concentrate on one task is a skill that needs to be developed. In a world where we are often distracted by phones, emails and social media, it is easy to understate the importance of teaching children to concentrate.

2. Improve

Most of the time, children want to please their teacher. Children can sometimes believe that finishing their work quickly is the best way to make this happen. As children get older, we work hard to make them realise that their first go at anything is rarely the best version. Revision and practice are essential to success.

3. Understand others

We want our children to be able to grow up and work and interact with a wide range of people from all walks of life. Within school, although we all have to adhere to certain standards and expectations, we also need to learn that we aren't all the same – having tolerance for differences of opinions and interests is just one way we can develop this skill

4. Try new things

'How do you know you don't like it, if you don't try it?' This commonly said sentence at mealtimes up and down the country can be extended to many aspects of school life. We encourage children to try a host of new experiences because this invariably creates more opportunities.

5. Work hard

Conscientiousness is a really important part of success. Understanding that tasks won't always be fun is vital for the future.

6. Don't give up

This speaks for itself. Persistence needs to be encouraged – especially in new and unfamiliar areas.

7. Imagine

Through residential visits, theatre trips, engaging subject matter and a broad curriculum, we aim to open children's eyes to a world of possibilities.