

WELCOME TO Morpurgo Class !

Information for parents - September 2017



Homework

Homework will be handed out on Friday and should be returned the next Wednesday. Homework will consist of a piece of Maths and English work each week, as well as learning weekly spellings and multiplication table practice. Spelling tests will be on a Wednesday. A spelling list with all the spellings for the term will be provided each term. Please continue to practise all times tables. A timed daily times table test will be set.

Behaviour

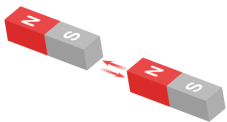
We have a 'good to be green' behaviour system in class. Although we would like all children to remain in green the whole day, sometimes a warning is needed and a yellow card is given. There are no consequences for receiving a yellow card. Occasionally a red card is given and the child will miss about 5 minutes of playtime. This is merely part of normal classroom behaviour management and parents should not be alarmed about a red card. Should the behaviour persist and have an impact on your child's learning, I will arrange a meeting with you.

PE

P.E will continue to be on a Wednesday. For outdoor P.E., we encourage the wearing of long tracksuit trousers, and a jumper may be useful when the weather turns colder, trainers are also encouraged. **Please note that earrings should be removed.**

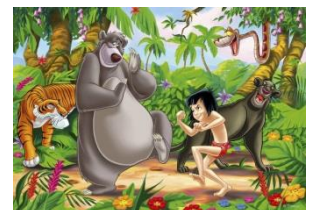
Reading

Although the children are now independent readers, I would like to encourage parents/carers to continue to read with your child. Please try and hear your child read as often as possible, ask questions and discuss the story. Tell him/her new words after encouraging her/him to sound out the word first. Even if your child is a good reader and reads of his/her own accord, it is really valuable to help them explore the book in more depth by discussing why the author has used particular words or asking about characters' motivations and feelings. There is space in your child's Reading Record books for your feedback - your comments are valuable to us. I will be collecting reading records on a Friday and house points will be awarded for regular readers.



Our main theme for this term is Mysterious materials. The topic is science based and your child will be investigating how different materials are made and how they react to each other. We will be doing some investigations into soluble and insoluble materials. We are looking forward to making some slime!

In literacy we are learning about the author Rudyard Kipling. We are learning about how his environment influenced his writing. We will also look at the way Kipling is using language to portray his characters.



In maths we are consolidating our place value knowledge. One of the things we will be focussing on this year is problem solving and reasoning.

If you have any questions please feel free to make an appointment to see one of us or send a little note with your child.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Links