

WELCOME to Morpurgo Class !



Information for parents - May 2017

The following should provide you with some guidance for the remainder of the term. Your continued support in regards to homework and behaviour is much appreciated.

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. With regards to Year 6 students, they will continue to be set separate homework from their individual work books. It is important that these are returned on the date set. Spelling tests will be carried out on a Wednesday and children are expected to bring their spelling books each week. In addition to this, the children will also undergo a times table test on a Friday and there is the expectation that the children will revise their times tables at home.

Behaviour

We have a 'Good to be Green' behaviour system in class. In holding high expectations for behaviour, we encourage all children to remain on 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 5 minutes of playtime. This is part of normal classroom behaviour management. Parents should be concerned, but not overly alarmed about a red card. However, 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

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.

The year 6 end of year 'camp-in' is currently being planned and details along with permission slips will be given out shortly. Any questions you may have, once details have been given, please don't hesitate to come and ask.

An overview of the term

In topic this term we will be learning and reading *The Iron Giant*. We will be focusing on who he is, where he came from and why he might have come here. This will take a focus within our English lessons as well as we focus on developing our language skills. The children will be focusing on using personification, similes as well as metaphors.

In Maths, we will be revising what we have previously learnt with regards to fractions and number. In addition to this, we will also be having a focus on co-ordinates and data handling.

In science, our topic for this term is forces! We will be conducting our own experiments to show how forces are used and how different variables can affect how these forces work.

If you have any questions please feel free to make an appointment to meet with me.

Kind Regards,

Miss Harding