

WELCOME TO Morpurgo Class !

Information for parents - January 2018 I hope you had a good Christmas and are looking forward to a productive New Year.



Literacy

Our literacy theme is about diversity. During the first part of the term we will be focusing on a short film (Little Freak). The rest of the term the text we will be using is 'The Diddakoi' by Rumer Godden. Using the text we will practise comprehension, hot-seating, build character profiles, diary writing, writing a prequel, letter writing and engaging in debate. This book relates strongly to many of our core values, especially **Respect** (Value each other and value our differences), **Responsibility** (As global citizens, care for each other and our shared world) and **Compassion** (Understand life from another's point of view). Alongside our English lessons will be spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Maths

In Maths we will be continuing our work on fractions, learning how to multiply and divide them as well as converting them to decimal fractions and vice-versa. In addition, we will be consolidating finding percentages of amounts and money and using this knowledge to solve problems. The written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division continue to be an important focus as well as looking at efficient mental strategies. As you can appreciate, multiplication tables form the basis for most of the maths we do, so could you continue to support your children in learning their times tables and their corresponding division facts. It is also extremely important that they are confident with all the vocabulary relating to maths as well as knowing the essential key facts which will help them in their daily maths lessons.

Topic

Our main theme for this term is Fairgrounds. The topic will focus on the history of fairgrounds and will link to the geography of the United Kingdom. Children will be able to name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time. We are going to explore the United Kingdom and will then zoom in on our local area

PE

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



Homework I am pleased with the children taking responsibility for handing in their homework on time. Homework will continue to be handed out on a Friday and should be returned on a Wednesday.

Spelling A spelling list for the term has been handed out and spelling test will continue to be on a Wednesday.

Reading Children should continue to read as much as possible.

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.

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