



Morpurgo Class Curriculum Letter - Autumn Term 2020

Dear Parents and carers, we are so pleased to welcome the children back to school and are looking forward to a busy autumn term, where we will focus on making sure that everyone feels safe, settled and happy to resume learning in class. We have a range of learning opportunities planned for the forthcoming weeks. I am particularly looking forward to exploring different forms of poetry in English and using the wonders of the natural world as inspiration for our work. I am also looking forward helping the children learn about their rights and responsibilities, as they find out more about how to stay safe, lead healthy lives and nurture the world around them. Mr Burman will teach Morpurgo class on a Monday and a Friday afternoon and I know that he is keen to start some interesting History, Science and Art topics (details below) We are also lucky to have the support of Mrs Weston in our class and she is eager to introduce the children to our new class library and student planners. We understand that for our children to reach their full potential, it is important for us to work together to support their well-being and their learning. During this time, when it is not possible for you to come into class and see your children's work, I will endeavour to keep you up to date with photos and comments about our learning through the class email. Likewise, please feel welcome to contact me with questions or comments (morpurgo@bkpsch.org) I look forward to working with you and your children and to making their time in Morpurgo class meaningful and enjoyable. Best wishes Mrs Baker.

Jigsaw: Being Me in My World: Pupils will consider what they value about school; their rights and responsibilities and how their actions affect themselves and others.
Celebrating Difference: Pupils will explore how cultural differences can cause conflict. They will learn about the importance of valuing diversity and difference.

R.E. Christianity: We will be learning about the core concept of Creation and what Christians learn from the Creation story.

Computing Online safety - pupils will consider appropriate online behaviour and the importance of balancing screen time with other parts of their lives.
Coding - We will learn to plan and create a computer program with different variables.

PE: Invasion Games - children will enjoy communicating, collaborating and competing with each other as they develop their skills of attacking and defending in a range of games.

English:

- Reading and writing Odes, Sonnets, epitaphs, spells and chants
- Reading and writing historical fiction
- Learning how to use dictionaries and thesauruses
- Writing legibly with increasing speed
- Learning to proof read our work to check for spelling and punctuation errors

Maths

- Place Value (working confidently with numbers up to 10 000 000)
- Addition and subtraction (numbers with more than 4 digits)
- Multiplication and division (multiply up to 4 digits by a 2 digit number / long and short division, with remainders)
- Fractions (equivalent and improper fractions / adding and subtracting fractions)
- Geometry (translating and reflecting shapes in 4 quadrants)

At Home

- Please ensure your child reads for 20 minutes each day
- Please support your child to learn their times tables and division facts (TT Rockstars is great for this)
- Please help your child learn to be responsible for completing and handing in their homework.

History: World War 2 - pupils will learn why World War 2 started and about the persuasive techniques of propaganda. They will find out about the roles of different people in the war and the need for rationing. They will learn about the importance of D-day.

Science: (children will be taught in year groups)

Year 5 - Earth and Space, followed by Forces
Year 6 - Light, followed by Electricity

Art and DT: Children will explore colour, shape and form, ready to create Blitz scenes and models of Anderson shelters.

Later in the term they will find out about a range of different artists and their styles throughout history.

French: All about me! Pupils will learn to introduce & explain a little about themselves.