



# Morpurgo Class Autumn Term 2024



Welcome to Morpurgo Class! We hope you are all well and have had a lovely summer. We have lots planned this term so please keep an eye on Dojo as we will continue to share important information there regularly. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with you.

Miss Luke and Mrs White 😊

## PE

We have PE on a Tuesday during term 1a then a Thursday during Term 1b. Please come to school wearing your PE kit each week.

Red t shirt, plain black or blue shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms, trainers.

For safety, please tie long hair back and remove earrings.

## Weekly timetable

Monday – Guitar lessons

Tuesday – PE during term 1a

Wednesday – Whole class music with Mrs Hughes every other week

Thursday – PE during term 1b

Friday – Brass lessons, new homework set

Please bring your reading book into school every day

You must bring your water bottle to school every day. This should be taken home to be washed every night. We are unable to give out cups for hygiene reasons.

You can bring in a carton or bottle containing juice to drink at lunchtime if you would like to (nothing fizzy).

## Homework

Every Friday, new homework tasks will be posted on our Class Dojo page.

### Reading

Please try to read for **at least** 15 minutes every day. Think about the pace of your reading – it is important that you can read texts quickly and fluently. It is also really important to talk about the text with an adult to develop your understanding of the texts you have read. Your Accelerated Reader book should be returned to school **every day**. We will continue to use Reading Plus which you can access at home too.

### Spelling

It is really important to work on the spelling patterns and the CEW spelling word lists each week. These will be posted on Dojo. Spelling words accurately will help to improve your independent writing. Try to use Spelling Shed at home regularly too.

### Maths

Make sure you know the **x and ÷ facts** for all tables up to **12 x 12**. These facts will be tested regularly this term. Please use TTRS as often as possible – can you get to the top of our school leader board?

Printed homework sheets are available if required. Please let me know if you would like these.

## Our Autumn Term Curriculum

### **Our Whole School Autumn Term topic is “Where in the World Are We?”**

**Maths:** We will develop our knowledge of place value, thinking about the value of each digit in larger numbers. We will learn to use written methods to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations. The Y4 group will work on measures and will find the area of rectilinear shapes. The Y5 group will deepen their understanding of fractions. Problem solving and reasoning skills will be woven into all aspects of our maths lessons to ensure we are able to apply our basic skills in different practical and real-life contexts. We will continue to develop our arithmetic skills to ensure we have a secure understanding of number. It is really important that you know all of the x and ÷ facts for all times tables up to 12x12 by heart and these facts will be tested regularly.

**English:** We will be writing stories, diary entries, reports, letters and poems, making links to our school topic and our class novel, “The Butterfly Lion” by our class author, Michael Morpurgo. In English lessons, our skills will usually develop over a two-week block which will include opportunities to produce extended pieces of writing which we will then edit and refine to enable us to produce final drafts. We will be developing our understanding of sentence structures and we will start to think carefully about the vocabulary choices we make. We will also work on spelling, punctuation and grammar.

**Science:** We will work in our year groups, not our new classes, for science. Year 4 topics are “animals including humans” and “states of matter.” Year 5 topics are “animals including humans” and “living things and their habitats.” Both groups will carry out practical investigations and experiments to develop our scientific enquiry skills.

**Computing:** We will use our Computing skills across the curriculum to support the work we produce on the laptops, Chromebooks and iPads. We will continue to consider the importance of e-Safety and digital literacy to help us to stay safe when we are working online. Our main Computing topic is “Computer Systems and Networks” and we will be learning about online searches.

**Religious Education:** Our key topic this term is “What does it mean for a Jewish person to follow God?” and we will be learning more about the Jewish faith. We will celebrate St Hild’s Day in November and find out more about this important lady. In December, we will talk about why the birth of Jesus is so important for Christians.

**History:** We will learn about prehistoric life and find out about the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age.

**Geography:** We will explore different maps and we will carry out fieldwork to find out more about land use in our local area. We’ll compare Gilesgate with other parts of the UK.

**Music:** We will continue to work with Durham Music Services to develop our musical skills and we will continue to learn to play the ukulele.

**M.F.L.:** We’re using a new MFL programme this year to support our speaking, listening, reading and writing in French.

**P.E.:** We will be doing gymnastics during term 1a then we have dance during term 1b. We will continue to attend sports festivals and work with staff from Durham SSP throughout the year.

**Art:** We will develop our drawing skills and explore the work of our key artist, Vincent Van Gogh.

**D.T.:** We will explore different cams and we will use the toolkit to make our own moving toy.

**PSHE/RSE:** We will explore, discuss and debate lots of different important issues. Our anti-bullying and e-safety work will continue and we will think about how we can keep ourselves safe. We will think about our rights and responsibilities as we get older. Our key areas this term are relationships, health and wellbeing. We will take part in lots of national events including Jeans for Genes and Mental Health day.