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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Spring 2 term.



This half term, our topic will be centred on the work of a well-known author: Michael Morpurgo. The children will be studying a range of his books, but primarily the book 'War Horse' as we have been invited to join other schools in our area to some creative workshops with The Littlehampton Academy on this title. There will be more details to share about this in the future, but it promises to be very inspiring and – based on previous workshops like these – really good fun.

Key dates for the half-term:

- **Friday 24th February 2.30-3.30** Mid-year celebration of work
- **Friday 3rd March** World Book Day (more information to come)
- **Friday 24th March** Annual pupil reports sent out to parents/carers
- **Thursday 30th March** Easter Breakfast
- **Friday 31st March** Break up for Easter
- **Monday 17th April** Start of Summer term

Things to remember:

- your child will have **P.E. on Wednesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor)** therefore they will need to come to school wearing their P.E. kit for both sessions (this includes trainers; school footwear is not suitable). Children are allowed to wear tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts,
- we are still very much in the wetter and colder months (although hopefully warming up soon!) and we do like the children to be outside as much as possible during break and lunchtime even if it is lightly drizzling. Please ensure therefore that your child has a waterproof coat with them every day,



- your child should bring a healthy snack (fruit or vegetable) to eat at break time. Some children are bringing cakes and crisps, which are not allowed as we promote healthy eating, as a school.

Homework reminder:

- Children are asked to read at least 5 times a week. Please encourage your child to read a variety of books both fiction and non-fiction. This will improve their vocabulary and their writing tremendously. This half-term we will focus on an author's use of language and choice of words, and how we might describe a character or setting based on what we have read. When you read with your child at home, please check their understanding of new or tricky words to help broaden their vocabulary.
- Mental magicians will be tested every week. Please ensure your child is learning these at home by regularly accessing **TT Rockstars**.
- **Children will be given homework on Thursday and it will be due in on the following Tuesday. Please ensure that your child has their homework in school on time.** This will comprise of reading comprehension/grammar activities or maths questions and spellings. Please support your child with their home learning. As before, I will be running a Homework Club in Year 5 on Friday lunchtimes for those who may need support with their homework and for those who have failed to complete it on time.

If your child has lost their TTRS username and password, please let us know and I will hand them it again.

We are continuing to focus on general presentation and handwriting in every lesson. Please be reminded that your child still has free access to our handwriting website: <https://www.letterjoin.co.uk>. The username is **ak3814** and the password is **home**. This website can be used to practise individual letters or blends of letters that your child may find tricky to join.

As always, if there are any worries or concerns, or you just want to check how your child is getting on, please do come and see me.

Kindest regards,

Mr P Harrison
Year 5 Teacher