

GORILLAS

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Gorillas are gentle; gorillas are strong.



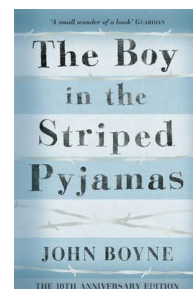
Welcome back

Welcome back to Barleyhurst Park for the final year of primary school; an important year, especially so this year. Unfortunately, I am currently recovering from an operation on my knee which means Mrs Smith will be teaching in Year 6 until I am able to return to work. I cannot wait to teach the class again, having taught most of the class in Year 4. It should be an exciting first half term in Year 6.

The Curriculum

English

In English we will be studying 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' by John Boyne. This will provide the stimulus for lots of our writing work during English lessons. This is a wartime text children will find themselves learning more about their Child's War, whilst developing their key reading and skills.



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Maths

To start the year, we will be studying place value to 10 million which will include rounding numbers to any degree of accuracy. We will then be moving on to work based on the 4 operations.

Topic

Our topic for the term is 'A Child's War' and based on events from World War II. Through the study of this significant period, the children will develop their historical, geographical and social understanding.

Elsewhere across the curriculum, we will be learning about 'Animals Including Humans' in Science lessons.

P.E. kit

P.E. lessons will take place every Monday and Wednesday. Always having the correct kit for P.E. is a small way in which pupils can take responsibility. It should be worn to school on each day that Year 6 have P.E. In addition, if they would like to do sport for reward time on a Friday, they should come to school in P.E. kit on a Friday too. If they don't wish to do sport for reward time, then they should wear normal uniform as other non-sporting activities will also be available for them to do.

Homework diaries

Please ensure diaries are signed each week, as not only is this is good preparation for secondary school, but it also allows any communication between home and school to be picked up quickly and easily.

Homework

As ever, homework will be given out on a Thursday and is to be returned to school by the following Tuesday, at the latest. Pupils should take responsibility for ensuring they complete as much of their homework as possible independently and handing it in on time.

Additionally, spellings will be set on a Monday ready for a spelling test the following Monday. Pupils should be learning these spellings at home alongside any other homework that has been set.

If you are in any doubt about the homework set, please speak to a member of the Year 6 team before it is due in.

Kind regards,

Mr Cunningham

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the Year 6 team