

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Class 4 and families,

I hope you've had a good weekend. As promised in my last correspondence, I am writing to update you on the useful resources available from the Oak National Academy ([www.thenational.academy](http://www.thenational.academy)) for **Week 2** of this term.

### Foundation Subjects

For both year groups, in terms of the **Foundation** lessons available, I definitely recommend the Year 6 Foundation lessons on Monday and Thursday as they follow on from the two history lessons last week about the First World War and take us through the period between the First and Second World Wars. These are relevant as we would be learning this in class. Monday's lesson explores 'Was the Treaty of Versailles Fair?' Thursday's lesson asks 'How did Hitler rise to power in the 1930s?'

I also recommend as relevant to our summer term learning for both year groups the Wednesday Year 6 Foundation lesson (science). This builds on last week's lesson about evolution. It explores how fossils provide evidence of evolution.

The other lessons available are not our topics for this term but if you are interested then the Year 5 lesson on Tuesday teaches you how to say your name and age in Spanish and the Year 6 lesson is exactly the same. Friday's lesson is also the same for both year groups - Art. The lesson teaches you the skills to be able to draw everyday objects in proportion. I think I may need to try that one out!

### English

For both year groups the five lessons are complete units of work so need to be completed in order from Monday to Friday. The units of work integrate spellings, words of the day, comprehension and SPaG into the learning.

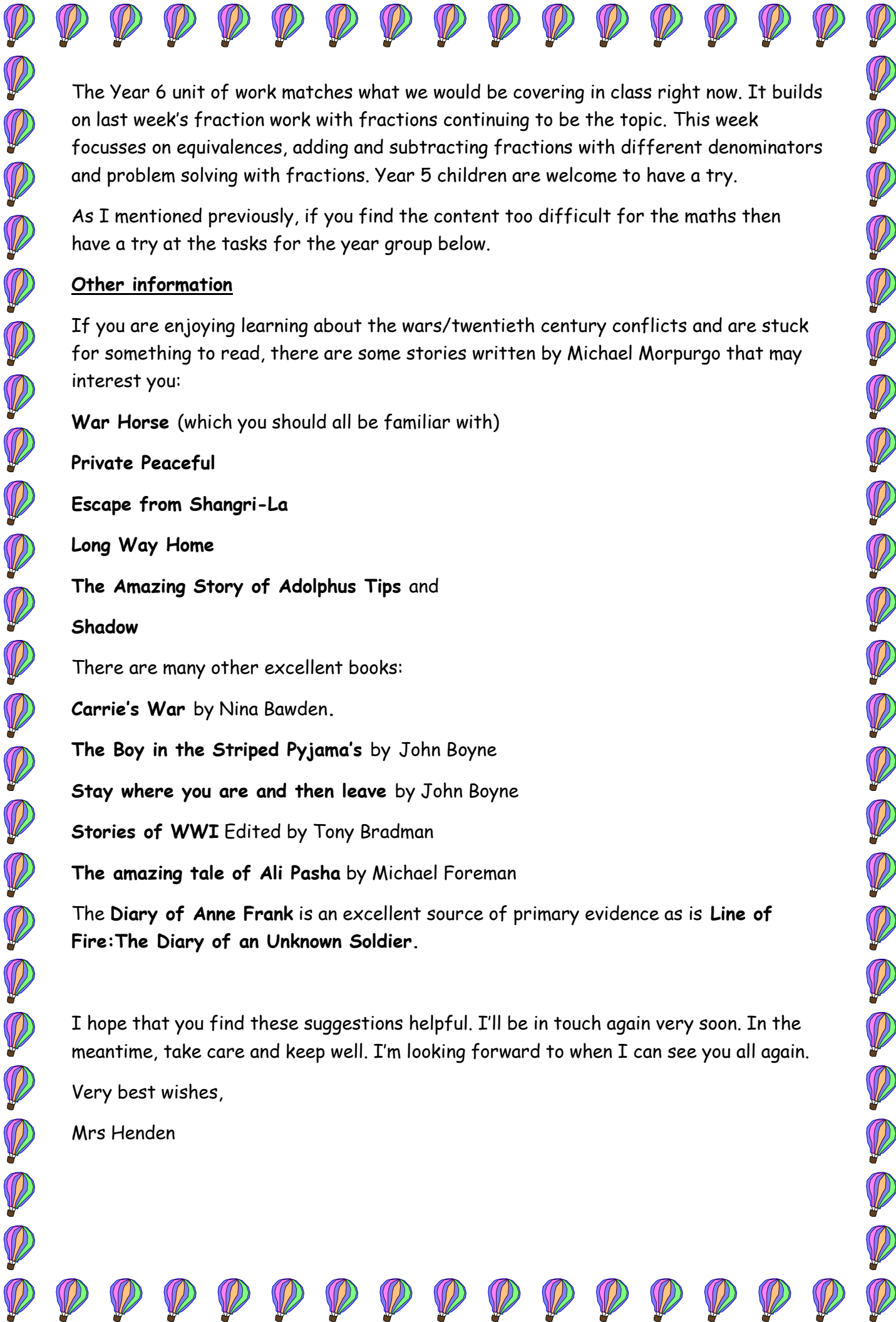
The Year 5 unit is about character description building on perfectly from last week where you learnt how to do setting descriptions. This is exactly what we would be doing in class in relation to Goodnight Mr Tom so I would definitely recommend it.

The Year 6 unit builds progressively the skills relating to information leaflets.

### Maths

As with English, the five lessons over the week are a complete and progressive unit of work so need to be completed in order.

The Year 5 unit of work builds on last week's work on shape and translation. This week the skills taught are about translation, reflection, coordinates and the plotting of shapes in all four quadrants. This is something we would be covering in class over the summer term.



The Year 6 unit of work matches what we would be covering in class right now. It builds on last week's fraction work with fractions continuing to be the topic. This week focusses on equivalences, adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators and problem solving with fractions. Year 5 children are welcome to have a try.

As I mentioned previously, if you find the content too difficult for the maths then have a try at the tasks for the year group below.

### **Other information**

If you are enjoying learning about the wars/twentieth century conflicts and are stuck for something to read, there are some stories written by Michael Morpurgo that may interest you:

**War Horse** (which you should all be familiar with)

**Private Peaceful**

**Escape from Shangri-La**

**Long Way Home**

**The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips and Shadow**

There are many other excellent books:

**Carrie's War** by Nina Bawden.

**The Boy in the Striped Pyjama's** by John Boyne

**Stay where you are and then leave** by John Boyne

**Stories of WWI** Edited by Tony Bradman

**The amazing tale of Ali Pasha** by Michael Foreman

The **Diary of Anne Frank** is an excellent source of primary evidence as is **Line of Fire: The Diary of an Unknown Soldier**.

I hope that you find these suggestions helpful. I'll be in touch again very soon. In the meantime, take care and keep well. I'm looking forward to when I can see you all again.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Henden