

# Mortal Engines

## Part 2

Summer Term 2018

Base 4

Dear children, parents and carers,

I hope that you have all enjoyed your Easter holidays; eating lots of chocolate eggs and having lots of fun at home. I can't believe that we are now in the summer term – fun and sunshine awaits us!

This term our school topic is 'Around the World' and our class book, for the first half term, continues as 'Mortal Engines' by Philip Reeve, we are really gripped! We will continue to follow the city of London on its last journey into battle but will Tom and Hester survive? What will happen to Valentine and what really is Medusa? We will be following the city as it travels around the world- we will be learning about the geography of the earth to see if we can identify places in the story- focusing on the places we identify. We will continue to learn about different civilisations- something the children have really enjoyed. We will also be discovering more about the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describing the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. We will be looking at different art styles and learning about how and why art is important to different cultures. As we are continuing with our text you will have a curriculum overview for Mortal Engines for the first half term and an updated overview for the second half term which will be linked with a new story book.

The organisation of the week stays the same; as usual the school doors are open from 8:45 and we expect the children to be in school no later than 8:55am. Year 6 continue to be offered an 8:30 revision session in the run up to SATs, which begin on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Please ensure you come fully equipped with reading books, any completed homework, a healthy snack for break times and a coat-if needed! Your child does not need a pencil case. If there are any messages they can be given to the class teacher on the door. PE will be on a Thursday afternoon and continues to be taught by Sportscape. Please ensure all PE kits are in school and clearly labelled. Our daily timetable is below;

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	French/ English
	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Homework and spellings.
	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
	English	English	English	English	SPAG / Arithmetic
Afternoon	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime
	Assembly	Assembly	Class Assembly	Class Assembly	Learning journey
	Learning journey	Learning journey – Music	Learning journey	RE	
	Learning journey	Learning journey		P.E	
	Class story	Class story	Class story		Assembly

\*Learning journey covers all other curriculum subject areas



**\*\*This timetable gives a general overview of the week and may change according to the needs of the class.**

### Weekly Homework set on a Friday

There is an expectation that you always complete your homework fully and on time. The homework set will either prepare you for the following week's learning or recap the previous week's learning, and is therefore extremely important. You will be expected to practice your times tables, arithmetic and read daily. Homework club is available on Tuesday lunchtimes if you would prefer to complete the work set at school.

- Spellings, times table testing, and arithmetic will be tested on a Friday. It is expected that you practise the spellings given daily, at home. The spelling pattern will be tested- not simply the words given so your child/ children need to learn the rule of that pattern. We investigate these patterns in class daily so your child will be well prepared to do this.
- It is also expected that you read daily and that this is recorded in your reading diary- these will be checked on a weekly basis and rewards are given to those who read regularly. It is vital that your child reads regularly, this supports comprehension skills, spelling, and writing. Above all, it should be a pleasure to have some quiet time to read and relax.
- Your child/ children will be given maths tasks in their homework books every Friday and these will be marked in class together on the following Friday where any tricky questions will be looked at together. There will be maths tasks set online on Khan Academy which are optional- these will greatly support your learning and rewards will be given for those who have completed the most tasks each week.

Homework is marked in class, with the children, on a Friday morning. This allows the children to go through any area that was more challenging for them and also allows them to see their achievements.

We will continue to work on our 'ACHIEVE' approach, something that Base 4 have become real experts on. It is really important that we recognise that getting something wrong is simply a step in learning and by the same token getting everything right means we have not learned anything new- we need a challenge!

**Ask** – always ask questions to further your learning

**Concentrating**- focus on your work and your task

**Help**- help others to learn

**Improve**- see your mistakes as an opportunity to learn.

**Engage**- engage yourself with your learning- take control of it

**Value** – value yourself; you are important and so are your classmates

**Explore** – explore your ideas and stretch your learning.

And finally, as always, please remember that my door is always open- if you have any concerns or worries at all, please don't hesitate to pop in and chat to me.

Your Teacher,

Mrs Charlesworth