Year 6 Homework 16.09.18

Due on Friday 20.09.19

Children have been asked to write a biography of either Shaun Tan (the author of Eric) or Michael Morpurgo- the author of Kensuke's Kingdom.

They will need to gather more information about the chosen author and write a full biography . You may include pictures.

1. Some facts about Michael Morpurgo, the famous English children's author.

• Michael Morpurgo was born on 5th October 1943 in St Albans, Hertfordshire.

• He has written over 100 books. Private Peaceful was his 100th title.

• After graduating from university, Michael became a primary school teacher in Kent. He writes all of his books in exercise books. He doesn't work on a desk, instead he sits on his bed, propped up with pillows. His favourite animals are elephants. Some of his favourite authors include: Robert Louis Stevenson, Rudyard Kipling and Ted Hughes. Michael set up the Farms for City Children project with his wife, Clare. It gives deprived urban children a chance to work on a farm and enjoy the benefits of being outdoors in the countryside.

• Michael was given an OBE in 2006.

• In 2003 he became the Children's Laureate, becoming the third person to fulfill the role.

• He has three children: Sebastian, Horatio and Rosalind, and several grandchildren.

• He likes listening to Mozart, but he can only write in a silent room.

• Michael loved French at school and he went on to study this subject at university.

- He likes eating prawns.

2. Shaun Tan is an illustrator and author born 1974 in Fremantle, Western Australia. He studied in 'Balcatta Senior High School' and was known there as the 'good drawer' and 'the most talented artist'. He wanted to become a genetic scientist but after enrolling in a special art program for talented and gifted students, he decided on pursuing a career in arts. He completed his graduation in 1995 from the 'University of Western Australia' where he studied English literature, fine arts and history.

   What is he famous for?