

Year 6 Newsletter Spring Term

Welcome back! We hope you have had a peaceful, safe and enjoyable break and are rested ahead of a packed term.

TOPICS

Our book for the first half-term is the classic text 'Frankenstein' by Mary Shelley. We will look at the key themes that surround the book as part of our writing and know the children will love getting stuck into it. There are many versions but we are recommending the Oxford Classics abridged version as the full text is very challenging.

Following our half-term break we move onto 'Wonder', which you may know has come out recently as a major film. The themes of the novel are very poignant and produce mature discussion. Though we have copies in school, you are of course welcome to source out the book yourself before we use it in school.

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The three topics we will look at this term are titled: Sources (focusing on the Bible), Unity (within the Church and Catholic Community) and Death and New Life (delving deeper into the Easter message). For each topic we encourage all children to make links between Christian belief and action. We encourage you to discuss with your child the themes within each lesson.

Dates

Please add the following dates to your diary:

Thursday 11 th January	Year 6 Parent's Meeting (3:15pm)
Tuesday 16 th January	New Year Mass (time TBC)
Thursday 18 th January	Houses of Parliament Visit
Wednesday 31 st January	The Deep Visit (arrive at school for 7:30am departure) Any parents willing to support on the day please contact your class teacher – thank you!
Thursday 8 th February	6AC Assembly
Friday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Wed-Thurs 14 th /15 th March	Parent's Evening
Wednesday 21 st March	Road Safety Quiz
Thursday 29 th March	6SD Assembly (Stations of the Cross)

The Year 6 Reading Olympiad

We have been delighted with the success of the Year 6 Reading Olympiad. Prizes for children have now arrived and will continue to be earned the more points pupils get! Please see the book list and work your way through the 'Top 20!'

HOMEWORK

From January the style of homework in Y6 will change. We will be setting daily homework from a range of personal study books the children will have. Please see below for the breakdown over the next two weeks. Following weeks will continue in the same vein.

Homework Timetable 8.1.18

<u>Day</u>	<u>Book and Page Numbers</u>
Monday	Grammar p.2-5
Tuesday	Maths (Blue) p.1-3
Wednesday	Maths (Green) p.1-4
Thursday	Catching up on weekly reading & weekly spellings
Friday	Spelling p.2-3 Comprehension – Talking Turkeys

Homework Timetable 15.1.18

<u>Day</u>	<u>Book and Page Numbers</u>
Monday	Grammar p.6-8
Tuesday	Maths (Blue) p.4-5
Wednesday	Maths (Green) p.5-7
Thursday	Catching up on weekly reading & weekly spellings
Friday	Spelling p.4-7 Comprehension – Pig Heart Boy

P.E.

Physical Education will take place on Friday and periodically, at other times in the week, therefore it is expected that Year Six children will have their P.E. in school every day. The P.E kit should consist of a white t shirt, black or navy shorts and plimsolls. The children may have a black or navy blue tracksuit in school for outdoor P.E. Please ensure all kit is labelled.

Please note children without PE Kit will miss break time as this is a compulsory part of the curriculum

UNIFORM

May we take this opportunity to remind you that it is the responsibility of Year Six to set the standards for the schools with regards to both their behaviour and their uniform. Please make sure that your child is in full school uniform every day. Hairstyles should be traditional and earrings are not allowed in school. Please refer to the school policy regarding uniform if you have any queries or ask your class teacher. Numerous letters have been sent out about this and the school has a zero-tolerance policy to any pupil not following school rules. Thank you in advance for your continued co-operation.

.YEAR 6 TEAM

We look forward to meeting you at all our upcoming events. However, should you wish to speak to any of us, at any time, we will always be available in the morning if it is a brief matter or you are always welcome to make an appointment to see us after school.

May we thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to a successful and enjoyable 2018.

The Year 6 Team

Mr. Drayton, Mr Cable, Mrs Bradley, Mrs Glancy