



# Class 6 Newsletter

## Term 6

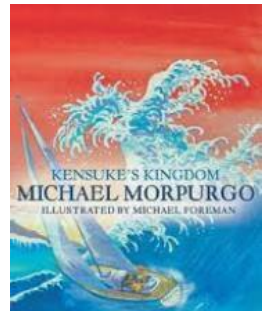
Be the BEST You Can Be

*Whatever you do, do with all your heart. Colossians 3:23*

### WELCOME!

Wow! What a year it's been! We are almost at the final term of the school year and it's going to be a busy one!!

Great Wood Camp, forest school sessions, Alice in Wonderland - there's so many exciting things coming up! 😊



### What we are learning

Our topic this term is focused on the book *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo as the book is about a journey. From this we will be looking at the transition to secondary school and moving on to new challenges.

In English, we will be using *Kensuke's Kingdom* to inspire our writing as well as a focus on reading and write play scripts, linking to our end of year performance of *Alice*! We will also be thinking about the legacy which we will leave behind as we move on to our new schools and will be reading some autobiographies as we think about our time at St. Mary's.

In maths we will be moving on to learning about shape and space and recapping on key skills and any areas which we don't feel as confident with from home learning. We will continue to follow *White Rose* as a basis for our maths learning.

In science we will be continuing with our learning about living things and their habitats - looking at microorganisms and classification of all living things.

In RE we will be continuing with our learning about Islam and answering the enquiry question: what does it mean to belong to a religion? This will help to develop the pupils' understanding of other world faiths and is an important part of society. We will then look at comparing and contrasting 4 of the world faiths: Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism.

In geography we will be developing our map skills by plotting the co-ordinates of the countries visited in *Kensuke's Kingdom* as well as comparing two places.

In PSHE, we will be looking at the topic 'Changing Me' and addressing the subject of sex and relationships. This is a statutory part of the curriculum and is an important part of understanding the changes which happen as we grow up. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me.

In art we will be looking at the artist Hokusai and learning the process of print making to build up pieces of artwork.

In PE we will be focused on rounders and dance. As the weather is getting warmer, it's really important that pupils come to school with a water bottle so that they can stay hydrated.

## Homework

Our topic for next term is focused on the book *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. As part of this, your homework over half term (and during next term) is to research a place visited in the book:

- \* Southampton
- \* A Coruña, Spain
- \* Azores, Portugal
- \* Canaries, Spain
- \* Cape Verde Islands
- \* Recife, Brazil
- \* Río de Janeiro, Brazil
- \* Saint Helena
- \* Cape Town, South Africa
- \* Perth, Australia
- \* Sydney, Australia

You can choose to present your research in whichever way you'd like to - as a poster, PowerPoint, model, fact file. The possibilities are endless! ☺

## Forest School

Forest School sessions will be continuing on a Monday each week! We have been having a brilliant time at our outdoor sessions and learning a lot about ourselves and others.

### Year 6 Camp

**We are SO excited to be going to Great Wood!!** On Monday (7th) morning children should come into school at the usual time (9:00am).

**Children will need a packed lunch in disposable bags to eat when we arrive at the Outdoor Centre.**

## Useful Information

**PE** Our regular PE day will be every Tuesday with Mr Pile. Please can you make sure that your child wears their PE kit in to school on this day to save changing. The PE kit should include a white t-shirt, black shorts and daps for outdoor activities. The children may also wear a tracksuit for outdoor PE in the colder months but no hoodies please.

### Homework

Homework will be sent out weekly on a Friday and will be due in the following Friday. Spellings will also be sent home each Monday and pupils are expected to practise them ready for a test on the Friday.

## ...and finally

We say goodbye to the wonderful Mrs Sillem as she leaves St. Mary's for new adventures. She's been a fantastic support in Year 6 this year and I'm sure you'll join me in wishing her the best for the future.

As ever, if you have any worries or questions relating to your child and need a little more time, please do not hesitate to arrange a time to talk. You can contact me via email:

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Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Golden