Class Newsletter: Year 6

Date: Monday 2nd November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to the children for a fantastic first term. All children adopted new roles and responsibilities as they began their final year at the school. They are already quite brilliant ambassadors for the school and will continue to be for the rest of the year, we have no doubt. It's been a real pleasure watching them develop over the first term and we know that they are going to have a fantastic Term 2 as well.

In Term 1, the children completed a range of wonderful learning across all subjects. In English, we loved our class texts 'Skellig' and 'The Viewer'. The children completed fabulous diary entries for the latter, including some fantastic powerful vocabulary. World War Two was a very popular first topic in History. We learnt about how the war started and ended and also what life would have been like between 1939 and 1945, by delving deeper into rationing and evacuation. The children's knowledge organisers at the end of the term were outstanding! In Art, the children developed their sketching skills by carefully drawing and adding detail to World War Two tanks, aircraft and portraits, using shading and texture to create realistic effects. In Science, we focused on Electricity and lots of time in Maths was devoted to place value and the four operations. A range of super learning also took place across many other subjects.

To see what learning we will be completing in Term 2, you should receive a Topic Web alongside this letter. Our two class texts will be 'The Snow Queen' and 'Pig Heart Boy'. In our final week of the term, we will also read extracts from 'A Christmas Carol. This is always a popular week with Christmas fast approaching! As well as reading parts of Charles Dickens' classic version, we will also watch 'The Muppet Christmas Carol', a lesson the children always love!

Our Values this term are 'Equality' and 'Hope'. We will also continue to put the children's mental and physical wellbeing at the forefront of all we do by moving onto the second theme of our wellbeing curriculum based on 'The 5 Ways to Wellbeing'. Our wellbeing focus for Term 2 will be 'Giving'. As always, we will also continue to make sure our three school rules of 'Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful' are upheld.

Thank you for your support with the children's home learning in Term 1. Home Learning, chosen from the children's Maths, English and Grammar CGP books, will continue to be set

each Thursday to be handed in and marked the following Thursday. It will be based on prior learning and used as a way of consolidating what the children have already been taught. Alongside this, the children will also have weekly spellings and should practice their times tables at home. It remains our expectation that the children read regularly at home and record what they read in their Reading Records. Thank you again for your support with this – the children's Reading Records are looking great! Please see the end of the letter for some updated recommended reads for Year 6 children.

To help prepare for the high expectations at secondary school and to continue to be Year 6 role-models, it is very important that our children wear the correct uniform. Our school uniform is as follows:

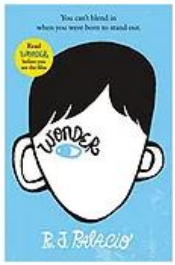
- Blue jumper
- White or blue polo shirt (with all buttons fastened)
- Black or grey shorts
- Black or grey skirt
- Blue summer dress
- Children are able to wear all black footwear.

PE will be taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays so children will need to make sure that they wear their PE kits into school on this day each week. Children should wear PE uniform only. As with last term, we will also be encouraging all of our Year 6 pupils to be sports ambassadors to our whole school. This means that their PE kit will consist of a **black PE top** if possible (or white as normal) with black or blue bottoms. Children will also need to bring in a refillable water bottle each day.

Finally, another huge well done to the children for such a super start to the school year. I am extremely proud of how they have taken on board what it means to be a Year 6 pupil and am very much looking forward to another exciting term of learning. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me via email or the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

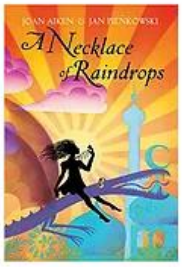
Best wishes and looking forward to Term 2.

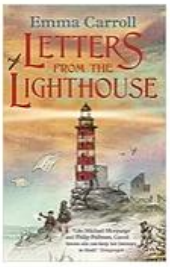
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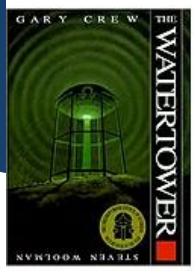

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R. J. Palacio

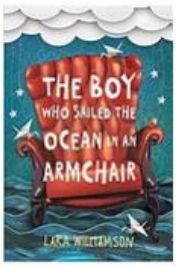

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PETER BUNZL

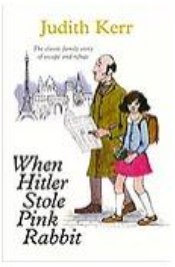

MICHELLE MAGORIAN
GOODNIGHT MISTER TOM


A Necklace of Raindrops


Emma Carroll
LETTERS FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE

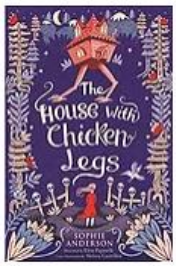

GARY CREW
THE WATERTOWER
STEVEN WOOLMAN


THE BOY WHO SAILED THE OCEAN IN AN ARMCHAIR
LARA WILLIAMSON


Judith Kerr
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit

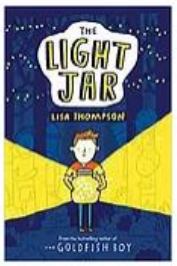

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PÁDRAIG KENNY


THE LAST WILD
PIERS TORDAY

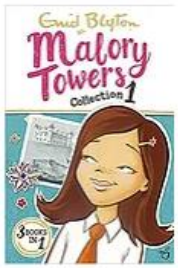

The House with Chicken Legs
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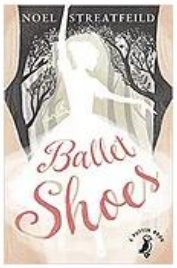

The FOX GIRL and the WHITE GAZELLE
VICTORIA WILLIAMSON

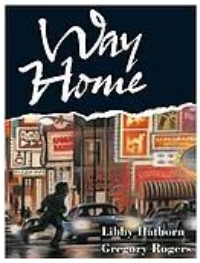

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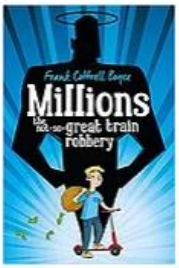

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LISA THOMPSON
GOLDFISH BOY

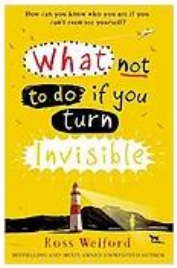

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PAX
JON KLASSEN

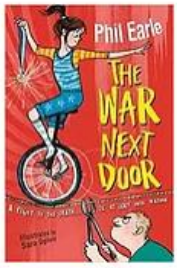

Enid Blyton
Malory Towers
Collection 1
3 BOOKS IN 1

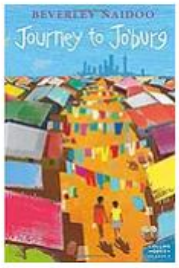

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Ballet Shoes


Way Home
Libby Hathorn
Gregory Rogers

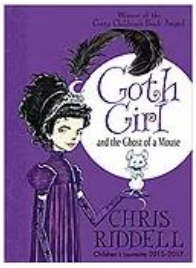

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Millions
the not-so-great train robbery

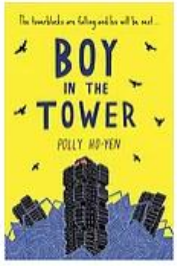

What not to do if you turn Invisible
Ross Welford


Phil Earle
THE WAR NEXT DOOR

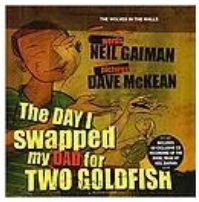

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Journey to Jo'burg


ROSE BLANCHE

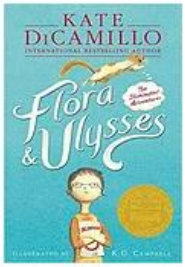

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and the Ghost of a Mouse
CHRIS RIDDELL

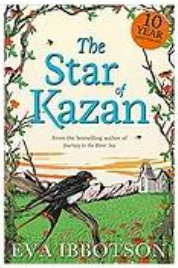

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POLLY HO-YEN

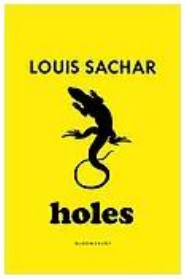

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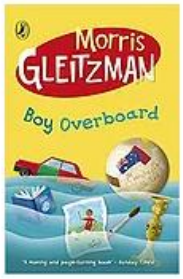

NEIL GAIMAN
DAVE McKEAN
The DAY I swapped my DAD for TWO GOLDFISH


MITCH JOHNSON
KICK

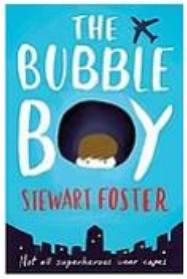

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Flora & Ulysses

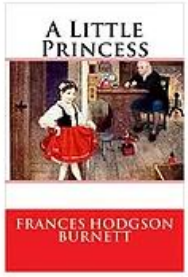

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The Star of Kazan
EVA IBBOTSON


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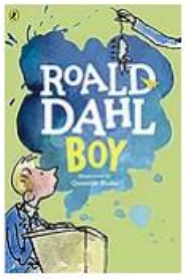

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Boy Overboard



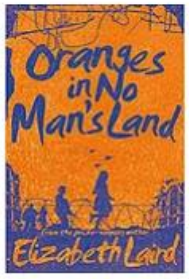

THE BUBBLE BOY
SIEWART FOSTER


A LITTLE PRINCESS
FRANCES HODGSON BURNETT

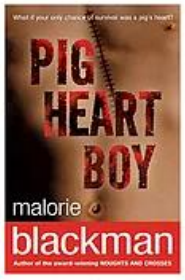

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KENSUKE'S KINGDOM

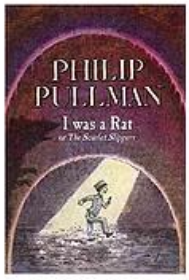

ROALD DAHL
BOY

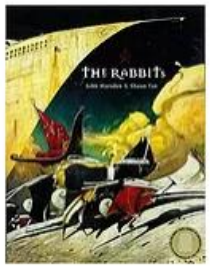

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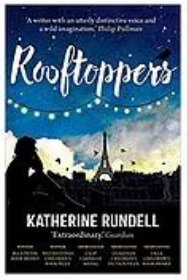

Oranges in No Man's Land
Elizabeth Laird

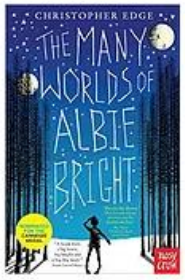

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Running on the ROOF of the World


PIG HEART BOY
malorie blackman


PHILIP PULLMAN
I was a Rat

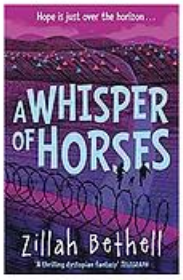

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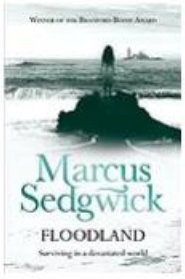

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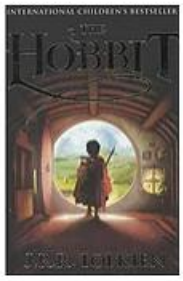

CHRISTOPHER EDGE
THE MANY WORLDS OF ALBIE BRIGHT


BERLIE DOHERTY
STREET CHILD


The Island at the End of Everything
Kiran Millwood Hargrave


Hope is just over the horizon...
A WHISPER OF HORSES
Zillah Bethell


Marcus Sedgwick
FLOODLAND


THE HOBBIT