

# Year 6 Newsletter

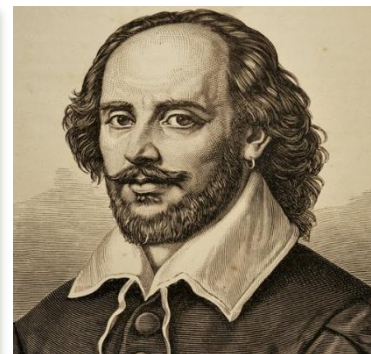
Autumn Term 1 2023-24



Welcome back to school and to year 6!

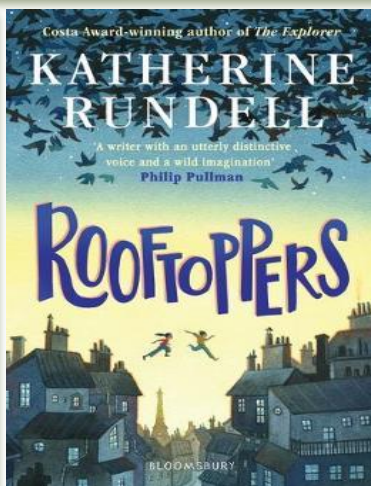
## Whole School Project- The Tempest

Our whole school project is based on William Shakespeare's 'The Tempest.' In this playwright, Alonso, King of Naples, and his court are sailing back from the wedding of Alonso's daughter when they get caught in a violent storm which threatens the ship. The ship is destroyed, and the passengers are washed up on a nearby island. We will be using a range of texts and media to support our research and the children will be producing a range of writing outcomes related to this extraordinary tale. Using these outcomes, we will update our year 6 displays. We can't wait for you to see them!



## Rooftoppers

We will also be using the book 'Rooftoppers' to support our reading lessons. This novel, written by the up-and-coming author, Katherine Rundell, tells the story of a young girl and her adventures. Children are reminded that they must return the 'Rooftoppers' text to the school when this term is complete. We will be using a range of carefully chosen texts to support and develop the children's reading ability throughout year 6.



## Value of the Month

This term, we will explore the values of **responsibility** and **respect**.

### Mobile phones

Children are allowed to bring mobile phones into school. These must be handed into the child's class teacher every morning. They will be returned to the children at the end of the school day.

### Fruit

Children can bring in a piece of fruit to eat during break time.

## Home Learning

Your child must read at home, each night, in order to make good progress.

Parents/carers can help pupils by reading alongside with them and by asking questions in relation to the text. This can be based on the language that the author uses, predictions /inferences that can be made from the text and by also encouraging the children to write down any words that they may not understand. We have our own 'Word of the Week' display in our classroom, and we are always keen to share new vocabulary with the class.

Your child will continue to receive weekly spellings and times tables challenges, alongside additional tasks. These will be set on Friday and must be completed by the following Thursday. It is vital that homework and reading is taken seriously, particularly as the pupils are developing into independent learners. Pupils are expected to read every day and parents/carers need to acknowledge this through a signature once a week. The journals are checked weekly.

## Science topic- Electricity

The next topic will comprise of a range of topics. Children will be able to:

- Associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the circuit
- Compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches
- Use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.

### School timings

School starts at 8.50 am for all children in year 6. Children can come into school from 8.40am where they will be given morning activities to complete. Children are allowed to enter the school from the Handley Drive entrance or Moorhead Way. If the children come to school later than 9.05am, they will have to enter school through the Main Office.

### Medicine and Dietary Requirements

Please ensure our school records are up to date with any medicines or dietary requirements. Children will not be permitted to attend school if they do not provide this.

Lastly, we would like to say a massive welcome to everyone in connection with 6GB and 6DM. We are looking forward to a wonderful year. Miss. Bradley and Mr. Mitakos.