

# Year 6 Newsletter

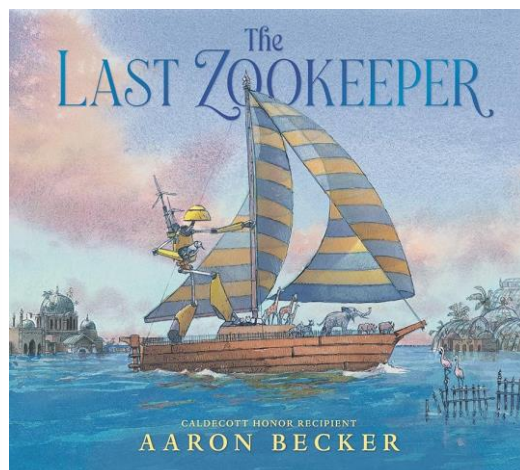
Autumn Term 1 2024-25



## Whole School Project- The Last Zookeeper

Our whole school project is based on the text, *The Last Zookeeper*.

The Earth has flooded. The only signs of humankind are the waterlogged structures they left behind. Peeking out from the deluge are the remnants of a zoo, home to rare and endangered animals, survivors of long neglect. Tender-hearted NOA is a construction robot who's found new purpose as the caretaker of the zoo's beleaguered inhabitants. Bracing for the next storm, NOA builds an ark from the wreckage in search of new land and a new home, only to discover something even more profound. With boundless compassion and sweeping scenes of sea and sky punctuated by detailed wordless panels to pore over, Caldecott Honor-winning creator Aaron Becker delivers a timely and concrete message about the rewards of caring in even the most difficult of times that is sure to inspire the dreamers among us. The children will be using the text to delve into topics around the environment, linking to our sustainability focus, to create a range of high-quality writing and art outcomes.



## 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.

## PE

The children will have PE every Tuesday. Please ensure they are in correct clothing and footwear.

## 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.

## 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.

Lastly, we would like to say a massive welcome to everyone in connection with 6GB and 6TS. We are looking forward to a wonderful year ☺.

Miss. Bradley and Mr. Savage