

Year 6 Newsletter

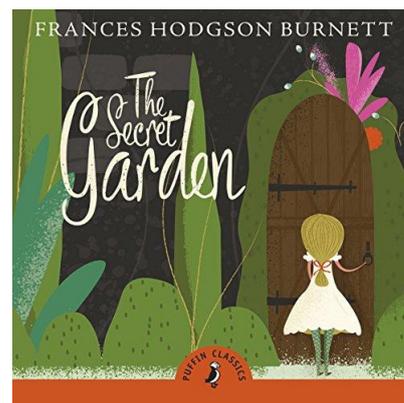
Autumn Term 1 2025-26



Whole School Project- The Secret Garden

This term's whole school project is based on the text, *The Secret Garden*.

The Secret Garden is about Mary Lennox, a grumpy, spoiled and lonely girl who goes to live with her uncle on his large estate in England her parents die in India. There she finds a hidden, locked garden that no one has cared for in years. With her cousin Colin and her friend Dickon, Mary works to bring the garden back to life. As the plants grow and bloom, the children also change – they become healthier, kinder and happier. The story shows important themes like relationships, healing and how spending time in nature can bring joy and hope. The children will be using the text to delve into topics around relationships and nature, 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

On PE days, children can wear their PE kit for the whole day. PE days for each class will be announced on Showbie next week.

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 Friday. 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.

School timings

School starts at 8.45 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.

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

Miss. Bradley, Miss. Shannon, Mr. Ryan and Mr. Savage

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.