

A World Powered by Change!



It's Spring! Welcome back to what looks to be an incredible term of hard work, success and wonderful memories. We're excited to be continuing our yearly theme of '**The Treasure Within; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also**'. There promises to be endless **dreaming, asking, aspiring, achieving and believing**.

Within our annual theme, we will focus our learning this term on '**A World Powered by Change**'. This will involve an exploration of life during WW2 and the impact this had on geography within the British Empire.

RE will follow the RED topics below:

Galilee to Jerusalem: this branch follows Jesus' journey, exploring his teachings, actions and sacrifice and how Christians are called to live out love, service and faith.

Desert to Garden: this branch explores the journey from struggle to hope, showing how God brings renewal, new life, and transformation through the Christian story.

Other faiths: where pupils will learn more about Hinduism and Sikhism.

In **English**, Year 6 will continue to familiarise themselves with a range of texts, punctuation and grammar. We will explore these alongside our class read: 'A Series of Unfortunate Events' and 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan.

Maths will focus on revising all aspects of the curriculum as well as perfecting our arithmetic and written skills, and applying these to a range of problems.

Science will involve a look at Light: how light travels, how we see objects and investigate shadows.

Computing will focus on coding, designing a computer of the future and internet safety.

Art will focus on painting and mixed media, using famous artists to inspire us to create our own artwork.

In **PE**, we have the opportunity to develop our ball skills in Dodgeball and Hockey.

In **Geography**, we will take a look at the British Empire and how the war impacted this, through invasion and migration.

History will focus on the Second World War through learning about the Blitz, evacuation, the Holocaust and how WW2 impacted people living in Britain.

DT will look at 'navigating the world' by creating our own product using CAD.



KEY DATES

6th Jan – Epiphany Mass 2pm

13th Jan - Individual Class Photos

W/C 26th Jan - Talent Show Auditions TBC

11th Feb - KS2 Talent Show TBC

10th Feb - Safer Internet Day as part of Mental Health Week

13th Feb - Inset Day

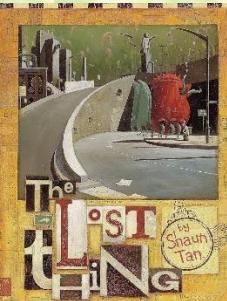
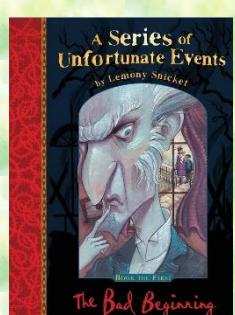
23rd Feb - Back to school!

5th March - World Book Day

17th March - Parent Consultations Evening

18th March - Parent Consultations Afternoon

27th March - Y6 Crucifixion Performance





NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

As you are already aware, the Year 6 National Assessments are fast approaching. You will be receiving more information about the tests in due course. They will fall on May 12th-15th.

Your child has a Maths and two English CGP revision books as well as SPaG glossary to help them learn key facts and practise the skills they have been taught in class. Please encourage them to use these regularly to help with daily homework, revision and recall of knowledge. They will also continue to have daily homework to help with this.

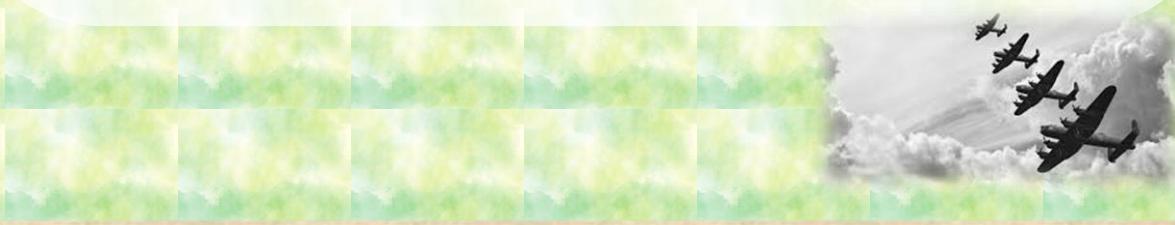


Visits: Year 6 will be visiting the National Holocaust Centre and Museum in Newark. More details to follow!

Coming soon

RSHE

We will also be spending some dedicated time on **RSHE** again—that's 'Relationship, Sex and Health Education'. We will explore body-image, feelings, and internet safety as well as revisiting and deepening our understanding of different forms of abuse.



How You Can Help:

- Ensure your child is wearing **correct uniform** in school. Also, **PE kits** will be needed **every day**. Kits should be appropriate for the season i.e. both outdoor and indoor kits are needed for the winter months. Inhalers must be in school at all times also. Hair should be tied back, and jewellery removed.
- Ensure your child is in school in time for registration (8.50am).
- Check **homework diaries** regularly as they are one of the best methods of communication. They are checked at least once a week on **Mondays**, and must be **signed** by a parent / guardian for this day.
- In Year 6, pupils should become more and more independent at homework. Homework will total 2.5 hours a week, but how this is spread across the week will vary depending on the task and time of year. For example, children may be given a week long project, or short tasks per day, which would be due in the following day to help with classroom learning. There is an opportunity to come into school early from 8.30am to work on homework.
- It is so important that the children know their **number facts** (addition and subtraction facts to 100; multiplication and division facts to 12×12). Multiplication, division, addition and subtraction facts are the basis of everything else that is learnt in Maths. Children will have weekly number facts to learn and quizzed on them every Monday.
- Unless learning lines and lyrics, children will have a set of **spellings** to learn most weeks, to be tested in class. Please keep checking them on these when they are set. Writing them down is effective. We will also be sending **handwriting** home most weeks to support children in joining their letters legibly.
- **Encourage** your child to **read every day**, and ask them questions about the text. Record in their diaries the pages they have read and initial this to enable good communication with home and school. This recording is seen as evidence that they have read every day and is treated as homework, being checked every **Monday**.
- Take a look at Year 6s class page and **blog** for more information! brwacademy.com, and follow us on Facebook!

Finally, your help this term will be invaluable. We'd like to **thank you** in advance for your resolute support in helping your child reach their full potential in their final year at Blessed Robert Widmerpool. We are all looking forward to making it a wonderful year to remember in which they go further than they ever have and really make their mark!