

From Mexico to the Moon: Exploring the Americas and Beyond!



The Summer Term is now upon us...how time flies! We'd like to extend a warm welcome back to all the Year 6s and their families in their final term. Looking back over the last year, it has been a delight to watch each and every member of the class grow in many areas of learning and life...and there will be more opportunities for this in the Summer term! In this final term of the year, in the words from Matthew 6:21, we continue to explore **'The Treasure Within; For where your treasure is, your heart will be also'**, and remember that we are never alone as we ready ourselves for Secondary School.

Within our annual theme, we will focus our learning this term on **'From Mexico to the Moon; Exploring the Americas and Beyond!** Pupils will explore and reflect on the ancient Maya civilization and the climate of North and South America. We intend on becoming confident by stepping outside our comfort zones, embracing new experiences positively and having maximum self-belief!

RE will follow the **Red** Program of:

To the Ends of the Earth: in which we will explore what it means to share Good News and understand how the apostles, especially St Paul, spread Christianity.

Encountering World Faiths: in which pupils will learn about other faiths reflecting on respect, diversity and what it means to live in a multi-faith world.

In **English**, we will continue to become accomplished writers, experimenting with a range of texts, punctuation and grammar. We will also be enjoying our class read: 'Holes', and if time, a second book, 'The Northern Lights'.

KEY DATES

22nd April: KS2 Film Night

11th-14th May: Y6 National Assessments

18th May: NTU Visitors to Y6

20th May, 1:30pm: KS2 Sports Day

25th May—29th May: May Half-Term

2nd June: Y6 Trent Bridge Cricket Visit TBC

8th June: Space Centre Visit

9th June: Class Photos

24th June, 2pm: Open Afternoon

3rd July: INSET Day

6th & 7th July: Becket Intake Days

10th July: Children's Reports

15th July, 5pm: Musical

16th July, 5pm: Musical

17th July: NTU Campus Visit

20th July: Y6 Leavers Liturgy & Disco

21st July: Family Picnic

22nd July, 2pm: Final Mass

23rd July: Oscar Awards

24th July: Last Day of Term

Maths will focus on revising and deepening our understanding of concepts. We will especially harness the fluency of our written and mental calculations, solving rich, open problems and mathematical reasoning.

Science will explore the Solar System focusing on the Sun, Earth and Moon. This will link perfectly to our trip the Space Centre!

Computing will provide us with the opportunity to learn about data handling, using spreadsheets and create a product using 'WeDo Lego'.

Art focus on drawing and our theme will be 'Make My Voice Heard'. We will focus on how colours and tints and can be symbolic including the use of light and dark.

DT will explore cooking and nutrition! We will learn that some countries have a national dish and why this is significant. We will also learn about processed foods and how food makes the journey to the supermarket (farm to fork).

THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER

LOUIS SACHAR



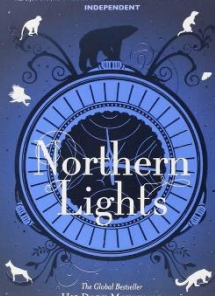
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HIS DARK MATERIALS

In **PE**, we will be working with BRW's dance coach to continue to develop our confidence and fluency in dance, focusing this term on putting on a star video performance. We will also revisit Athletics skills in preparation for Sports Day.

History and Geography will focus on the beliefs of the Maya period and the decline of Mayas including the day of the dead. We will also focus on the similarities and differences of North and South America including the Chihuahuan desert.

RSHE This term the children will be take part in 'Relationship and Sex Education'. The elements of our RSE program including Sex Education were outlined at the Year 6 video emailed to parents in September. If you would like to review the materials and/or the DVD please contact the office to arrange an appointment. RSHE also covers social media safety, drug safety and first aid.

Educational Visits and Visitors: To complement our topic this term, as well as give the Year 6s memories to cherish, we hope to organise some offsite visits—locally and further afield. More details will follow once the plans are confirmed! Finally, we will be welcoming back some secondary school teachers to help give us an experience of secondary school lessons, supporting in us as we transition from primary.

Help from home!

- 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 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. **And revision club will be running for the first four weeks of the Summer Term! Come along to as many as possible—it will be worth it!**
- It is vitally important that the children know their **number facts** (addition and subtraction facts to 100; multiplication and division facts to 12 x 12). Multiplication, division, addition and subtraction facts are the basis of everything else that is learnt in Maths.
- 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.
- **Encourage** your child to **read everyday**, 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**.

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 can't wait to see how the Year 6s create their own magic, make their own wishes come true and create special memories along the way as they prepare to leave school and move onto greater things.

Mrs Gunn & Mrs Hart