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Primary Federation

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Year 6

## Welcome to Spring 1

Happy New Year!

The Year 6 team have been looking forward to welcoming the students back in 2024. Students have settled incredibly well back into the school routines and are focused on the challenges ahead.

Thank you to all the parents and carers for their support last term. Please remember that you can speak to a member of the Year 6 team if there is anything you would like to discuss - particularly about how you can support your child as they approach SATS and the transition to secondary school.

The children were very excited to begin their new reading reward last term and we have seen rates of reading improve across the year group, which is marvellous! Please continue to read with your child at least three times a week and ensure their reading diary is signed frequently. For every three reads they complete, they will receive a raffle ticket which gives them the opportunity to guess the code on a locked box. The correct code opens the box and wins a prize! We have already had three excited winners in Year 6! By reading frequently, your child will increase their reading fluency, pace and understanding—all vital skills for future success and well-being.

### Maths

In Spring 1, we will continue to build on the students' knowledge of the four operations and fractions. The students will also be learning about decimals and percentages, shape and measure.



Students need to continue practising their times tables. All students have a Times Table Rockstar (TTRS) login for use at home and in school. Please let us know if your child needs a reminder of this.

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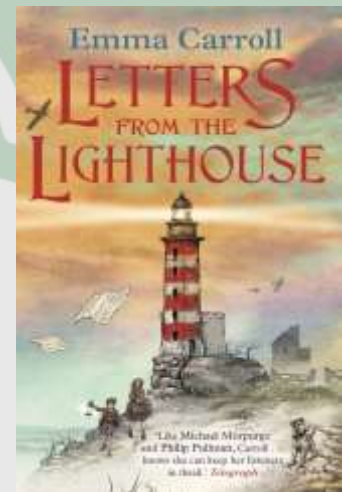
### Reading and Writing

Our new class novel, and the inspiration for our writing in Spring term, is *Letters from the Lighthouse* by Emma Carroll, which supports our World War 2 humanities' topic for the term.

*We weren't supposed to be going to the pictures that night. We weren't even meant to be outside, not in a blackout, and definitely not when German bombs had been falling on London all month like pennies from a jar.*

*February, 1941. After months of bombing raids in London, twelve-year-old Olive Bradshaw and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to the Devon coast. The only person with two spare beds is Mr Ephraim, the local lighthouse keeper. But he's not used to company and he certainly doesn't want any evacuees.*

*Desperate to be helpful, Olive becomes his post-girl, carrying secret messages (as she likes to think of the letters) to the villagers. But Olive has a secret of her own. Her older sister Sukie went missing in an air raid, and she's desperate to discover what happened to her. And then she finds a strange coded note which seems to link Sukie to Devon, and to something dark and impossibly dangerous.*



### Other Areas of the Curriculum

In **Science**, students will be learning about **Animals Including Humans**. Students will be taught to identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and also describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. Children will recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function.

In **Art**, the students will be use printing techniques to create their own artwork.

Our **Humanities** focus this term will be both **History** and **Geography**. We will be learning about World War 2; specifically the impact of the war on our local area.

Year 6 have a full afternoon of **PE** on **Mondays**. Please ensure students wear PE kit and trainers on this day and the correct school uniform on every other day.

