



Welcome to Spring 1

Happy New Year!

The Year 6 team have been looking forward to welcoming the students back in 2025. Students have settled back incredibly well 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 whole school reading reward last term and we celebrated reaching a fantastic 5,000 junior reads, just before the end of term. We are looking forward to receiving new books for our classroom libraries as a reward for this. Please ensure your child is reading at least three times a week and logging these reads in their journals or on Padlet.



We have also loved seeing the wonderful Reading Scrapbooks that some of our students have created. These are added to the school 'X' feed @LivingstoneRPF and we have had

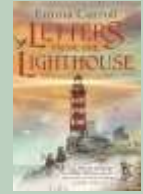
some incredible responses from the authors and illustrators of our favourite books. All students have the chance to take the scrapbook home if they wish so keep your eye out and feel free to help your child with this if it appears at home!





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 meant to be outside...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.

Maths



In Spring, 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 using Times Table Rockstar (TTRS).

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 using printing techniques to create their own WW2 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 **PE** on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Please ensure students wear PE kit and trainers on these days and the correct school uniform on every other day. Hoodies should **ONLY** be worn on P.E days.

