

# Year 6 Class Newsletter Spring 2025

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and are looking forward to a new year of learning and fun! We are excited to welcome back all our students and families and to continue our journey of academic excellence and personal growth together. This term is one of the most important as all their learning at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Primary School in year 6, is focused on their SATs in the summer. Throughout this term, we will be implementing a comprehensive approach to prepare students for SATS. This will involve a combination of:

- **Targeted Group Interventions:** Small groups of students will receive focused instruction on specific areas of need, such as reading comprehension or mathematical problem-solving.
- **Individualized Support:** Teachers will provide tailored interventions to address individual learning gaps and ensure every child receives the support they need to succeed.
- **Engaging Classroom Activities:** Daily lessons will incorporate a variety of engaging activities, including games, projects, and real-world applications, to reinforce key concepts and build confidence.

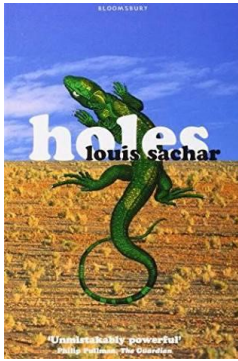
We will continue in English to produce extended writes across numerous genres which will link to both our history and geography topics as well as our class novel. The students will use all their skills from Year 1 all the way to Year 6 to create their final pieces that showcase all their skills.

In maths, building upon their prior knowledge, children will continue to delve deeper into the fascinating world of numbers, exploring the interconnected concepts of fractions, decimals, and percentages. They will also expand their understanding of ratios and statistics, learning how to interpret data, analyse patterns, and solve real-world problems involving these key mathematical concepts.

In science, the students will be broadening their knowledge of grouping vertebrates, invertebrates, plants and micro-organisms by shared characteristics, the children learn about Carl Linnaeus's development of the Linnaean and binomial classification systems and use branching and number keys to sort and identify organisms.

Year 6 will be focusing on the Mayans in history, and we will be welcoming back Catherine from History to Life on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January, where we will be experiencing what life was like in a Mayan village. In geography we will investigate the world population and factors that causing migration.

This terms class novel will be *Holes* by Louis Sachar



The book explores complex characters and their interconnected fates, encouraging students to think critically about cause and effect, while also developing their empathy and understanding of different perspectives. Furthermore, *Holes* incorporates elements of mystery and suspense, keeping readers captivated and eager to uncover the truth behind Stanley Yelnats's unfortunate circumstances.

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February, year 6 will attend Crucial Crew this is a multi-agency event organised through schools, by the police and supported by the fire service. They aim to raise awareness of safety issues to school children in Year 6 (aged 10-11). The event takes the form of a range of 20-minute interactive scenarios which cover a wide range of topics, each educating the students in a specific risk.

The scenarios include:

- Water Safety
- Heathy Child Team
- Internet Safety
- IDAS (Independent Domestic Abuse Services)
- Drugs and Alcohol Awareness
- Anti-social Behaviour

A gentle reminder that deposits for our Castleton Residential (25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025) will be due by the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 (Please see Arbor for details) . Another mandatory parents meeting will be held by the end of February, look out for a confirmed date in our weekly newsletter.

It will be a very busy but equally enjoyable term for the children, and I am sure that they will rise to the challenges set before them.

Ms Sowerby and Mrs Wright