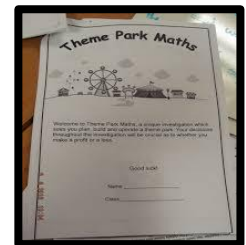




Welcome back, everyone! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer half term. As we embark on this final half term together, we know it's set to be a truly emotional one, as Year 6 students begin their last few precious weeks at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. While the sentiment of saying our final goodbyes looms, there is still a wonderfully full and busy schedule of learning, activities, and memories to be made before we reach that poignant moment.

In English, our focus will remain on crafting extended written pieces across a variety of genres. These writing tasks will be thoughtfully linked to both our history and geography topics, as well as enriching our engagement with the class novel. Students will be encouraged to draw upon and apply the full spectrum of writing skills they have cultivated throughout their time at school, from Year 1 right through to Year 6, culminating in impressive final pieces that truly showcase their comprehensive abilities.

Following the conclusion of the SATs assessments, our formal mathematics curriculum has now been completed. However, students will continue to engage in daily mathematical challenges and investigations. These sessions will provide opportunities for them to apply their accumulated key stage knowledge to a diverse range of problems, fostering deeper understanding and critical thinking in mathematics.



During science lessons, our focus will shift to biology as we delve into the intricate workings of the human body and the circulatory system. We will specifically investigate how the heart functions and the fascinating process of blood movement throughout the body.

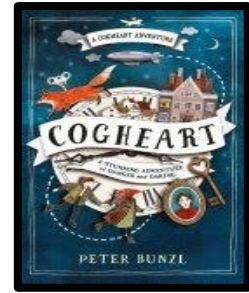
Before the recent half term break, we embarked upon our new history topic, commencing an in-depth investigation into the Victorian era. A key aspect of this study involves examining historical census data, which provides a unique opportunity for students to engage as genuine historians. Through this approach, they will be able to research and understand the lives of real individuals who resided in Doncaster at the turn of the 20th century. We recently had the pleasure of welcoming Catherine from History Life, who provided the children with an immersive experience of daily life within a Victorian school. This unique session brought to life the strict disciplinary measures and the enforced silence characteristic of the era. Despite the challenging re-enactment, the children thoroughly enjoyed the day, unanimously agreeing that their learning environment in Mrs.



Sowerby's class is, fortunately, far safer and more conducive to their well-being.

This terms class novel is *Cogheart* by Peter Bunzel

"Cogheart" is a rich steampunk adventure that explores several compelling themes, often reflecting broader societal issues within its fantastical Victorian-inspired world.



Coming Up:

Year 6 has an abundance of exciting events to anticipate this half term. Among these is the highly anticipated Catholic Cup, where a selection of our talented footballers will compete for the honour of their school against other local Catholic primary schools. We are also thrilled to be hosting our Parents Stay and Learn session on June 5th, which this year will feature a friendly Parents versus Year 6 rounders game. Other significant events include our poignant Leavers Mass with Father John and our eagerly awaited



end-of-year school play. However, arguably the most anticipated highlight for the children is our three-day residential trip to Castleton at the end of June. Please keep an eye on the school's weekly newsletter for precise dates and times for all these upcoming events.

Warm regards

Ms Sowerby and Mrs Wright