



# ST LAURENCE CHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Year 6 Newsletter

### Summer Term 2

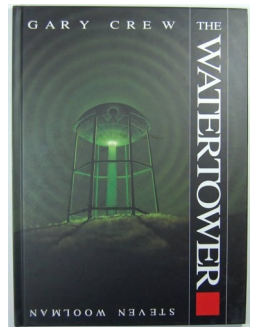
Last half term was extremely busy and challenging for our Year 6 children. They showed great perseverance and positivity during their SATs tests, tackling them with maturity and determination. They fully deserved a well-earned break after all the hard work they have put in so far this academic year.

It is incredible how fast this year has flown by. We cannot believe that, soon, we will be saying a final goodbye to this wonderful Year 6 cohort and sending them off to their secondary schools, where we are confident they will continue to go from strength to strength.

This half term promises to be busy, exciting and full of activity, both in and out of the classroom. We have our end-of-year production, *Grossbusters*, to rehearse and perform, transition work to support the move to secondary school, and our trip to St Philip's Cathedral to celebrate your child's time in primary school.

#### Reading and Writing

This half term, Year 6 will be reading *The Watertower* by Gary Crew, a gothic science-fiction story about two children exploring a mysterious watertower in a small American town - where not everything is as it seems. Using this eerie and intriguing book as inspiration, the children will craft their own mystery stories, focusing on building suspense, tension, and atmosphere. They will also write in role, producing informal letters that reflect the perspective of key characters. Through these tasks, they will refine their ability to engage readers, develop character voice, and enhance their descriptive writing skills.



Within our classes, we will continue to read a class book voted by the children. Please encourage your child to bring in their reading books and records as we will continue to read for pleasure and share some of our favourite books with one another.

#### Maths

Although the children have completed their SAT papers, in maths we will focus on key areas of the curriculum which require further consolidation. This will include solving problems within the domains of area, perimeter and volume. We will also cover properties of circles and triangles then move onto solving problems using different types of graphs and charts.

Thankyou to all those who have already returned their SAT revision packs to their class teachers. If your child still has theirs at home, please could we ask that they are bought back into school as soon as possible so that we can organise them ready for our current Year 5 children.

## Y6 Production



Year 6 will be focusing on their end-of-year production, *Grossbusters*. Thank you to all the children who auditioned and have now been given their roles – we were so impressed with the enthusiasm and talent on display.

Please support your child in learning their lines, songs and dances in preparation for the performance. Letters will be sent out soon with details about costume and prop requirements, as well as information on ticket availability and USB recordings of the show.

We hope you'll be able to join us for both performance nights – it promises to be a spectacular show!

## Curriculum Overview

**History:** We will be starting our new unit 'Brilliant Birmingham' which is a study of our local area of Bournville. The children will be learning about the Cadbury Brothers and the important social and economical changes during that time.

**In Science,** we will be learning about Evolution and Inheritance. The children will explore how living things have changed over time and how characteristics are passed from parents to offspring. They will learn about adaptation, fossils and the work of influential scientists such as Charles Darwin. Through discussions and investigations, the children will develop their understanding of how animals and plants evolve to survive in their environments.

**R.E. unit this half term is Buddhism** which will focus on what it means to be merciful and forgiving. We will explore Buddhist beliefs and understand more about the religious festivals within this faith group.

**PSHE** our Jigsaw topic will be 'Changing Me'. Thank you to all those parents who attended the meeting held by Mrs. Allen to discuss its contents. The children will be split boy/girl for two of the sessions. If you do not wish your child to be part of the learning about conception, then please contact your child's class teacher. We will also be focusing on transition to Secondary schools.

**P.E:** will focus on striking and fielding and athletics where children will be set challenges for distance and time using different styles and combinations of running, jumping and throwing.

Please look out for letters regarding the end-of-year service at St Laurence, production tickets and the Leavers' Assembly on 17th July. Don't forget to bring your handkerchiefs — it is sure to be a real tear-jerker!

We look forward to working with you this summer term as we prepare our Year 6 children for secondary school. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The Year 6 Team

## DIARY DATES

Monday 1st June

School opens

Thursday 11th June

Class photos/year group photo

Tuesday 16th June

Bikeability Day One

Friday 19th June

Summer Fair

Tuesday 30th June

Sports morning

Wednesday 1st July

Transition Day

Thursday 2nd July

Bikeability Day Two

Friday 3rd July

Bikeability Day Three

Friday 3rd July

Colour Run

Tues 7th/Thurs 9th July

Production nights

Wednesday 8th July

Year 6 Fabulous Finish

Thursday 9th July

Leavers service—St Philip's Cathedral: 11:30

Friday 10th July

End of year reports out

Tuesday 14th July

School Disco

Thursday 16th July

Whole School Awards: 09.15

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Leavers service - St Laurence Church: 13.45