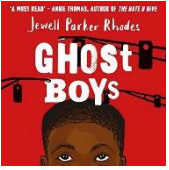
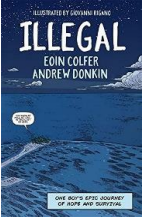





Summer 2 2023 – Newsletter

Year 6 – St Stephen



<p>Core text for English</p> <p>Supplementary texts</p>	<p>Core Texts: Illegal by Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin</p> <p>Whole Class Reading: The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes</p>	
<p>English focus</p>	<p>Immersion in text – Illegal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scene Setting – journey from Ghana across Africa to Europe • Ebo’s journey through the Sahara Desert through Tripoli to the sea. • Identity themes and features of genre. • write a survival guide for crossing the sea • write a reply to the note left by Kwaeme 	
<p>Grammar focus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Features of the text • Key features of a guide • Formal v informal • Dialogue • Adverbials • Dialogue • Passive and active • Direct speech • Semi-colons, dashes and hyphens • Tenses (present) • Synonyms and antonyms • Hyperbole • Tenses • Clauses • Conjunctions 	
<p>Maths focus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition work • Investigations • Project maths • Maths linked to other curriculum areas • Year 7 objectives – links with secondary school 	
<p>RE focus</p>	<p>Theme & Topic: Reconciliation – inter-relating – Healing. Big Question: Who needs healing?</p> <p>Theme & Topic: Universal Church – World – Common Good. Big Question: How can we work together to build a just and fair world?</p>	
<p>Faith in Action</p>	<p>This summer we will be organising various events to raise money for CAFOD and MISSIO including a cake sale and an ‘Emporium’ stall at our school fair. By fundraising we will be helping communities and families around the world who are vulnerable. We will also be partaking in the Missio Day of Many colours.</p>	

Foundation subject topics - geography, science, computing, MFL, Music and PSHE

Geography: Sustainable Living *continued* - Enquiry Question: How do humans effect the planet that we live on? How can we live sustainably? Through research we will find out about the effects of climate change on the world. Design a campaign to reduce our carbon footprint and carry out field work into the effects of climate change on the local environment. (**Change last term to History**)

MFL: School - à l'école

In this unit pupils will learn how to:

- Repeat and recognise the **vocabulary** for school subjects.
- Say what subjects they like and dislike at school.
- Say why they like/ dislike certain school subjects.
- Tell the time (on the hour) in French.
- Say what time they study certain subjects at school.

PSHCE:

Relationships

Different relationships, changing and growing, adulthood, independence, moving to secondary school

Music;

Connect it by Anna Meredith

(BBC Ten Pieces)

Singing and performance

RSE: Journey To Love.

Science: Evolution and Inheritance. During this topic Year 6 will:

- Carry out enquiries into micro-organisms and develop ideas for testing.
- Use the school grounds and/or local area to find and collect animals/plants in petri dishes.
- Identify and discuss variables to control in experiments on mould and understand the importance of keeping a 'control.' Know why a fair test is important for accuracy and reliability.

Computing: Exploring computer networks including the internet

In this unit, we will use unplugged activities to develop our understanding of networks; we will learn about the domain name system and explore the school's network infrastructure.

PE days (and kit expectations)

Your child's PE day will be on **Tuesday** which is **swimming** and **Thursday**. Your child should wear their PE kit to school, with their school jumper on top. The PE kit should consist of a white t-shirt, navy or black bottoms and plimsols/trainers. The school has to teach the National Curriculum and PE is a vital element of this. Participating regularly in physical activity is important to develop habits for a healthy adult life. No jewellery.

Ways to help at home

Please listen to your child read regularly and discuss the text they are reading. As their books become more complex it is even more important, they have the chance to discuss them with an adult. Please sign the reading record book and make a comment. Please encourage your child to learn their 'spelling words,' a few minutes practice each day can make a big difference. By Summer Year 6 your child is expected to have mastered their times tables but they need regular practice to retain the information. Your child will have their own account and password for 'Times Tables Rockstars'. It is important that they are able to recall number facts at speed

to aid them with their daily maths work. If they are not yet confident this is a vital area to work on with them.

Encourage your child to write at home, stories and letters or maybe they could keep a diary. Continue to borrow books of interest from the school and public library to find out all they can on this term's topics. You could also play a range of maths-based games, such as Yahtzee or any games that involve using a dice. Discuss the rules and strategies that you use, explaining to your child what you are doing and why.

Key dates

- Tuesday 20th June – Sports Day in Greenwich Park
- Monday 19th June – Tea & Talk – 8:40am-9:40am
- **Saturday 24th June** – School Summer Fayre – 11am-2pm
- 26th June-30th June – Maths Week
- Wednesday 28th June Junior Citizens – All children will need a packed lunch
- Thursday 29th June – Class Mass in church – 11am
- Friday 30th June – Monday 3rd July – PGL Year Six – Residential
- 3rd July-7th July – Art Week
- Monday 17th July – Year 6 Assembly – 9am
- Monday 17th July – Optional Parent's evening (Booked appointments only)
- Tuesday 18th July – Year 6 Production – 6pm
- Wednesday 19th July – Leaver's Disco – 4pm – 6pm
- Thursday 20th July – Year 6 Leavers Mass – 11am in church
- Friday 21st July – Individual Class Parties
- Friday 21st July – Last day of the academic year

For the full list of dates, please see website – or click [here](#).

Additional information

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.

If you have any questions, the school support email address is below:

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