



## **Townlands C of E Primary Academy**

*"A journey of learning in the light of God's love"*

Faith, Honesty, Love, Friendship, Forgiveness, Hope, Respect

"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

The parable of the Mustard seed (Mark 4:30-32)

**Year Six**

**Spring Term 2026**

**First Half Term**

**TEACHERS: Mrs Brown**

Happy New Year and welcome back to a busy Spring Term in Year 6.

This half-term, our history topic leads our learning as we explore ancient Greece. We will study the key periods in the ancient Greek civilisation, consider religious beliefs and Greek gods, investigate Athenian democracy and the importance of ancient Greek philosophers, before identifying and explaining how the achievements of the ancient Greeks influence our lives today.

In our art lessons, we will study ancient Greek vases, then design and make our own using clay.

We will also read some ancient Greek myths whilst developing our vocabulary and comprehension skills.

### **Enhancing our learning and promoting a love of reading**



Geraldine McCaughrean (author) and Emma Chichester Clark (illustrator) have produced a collection of well-known myths, which are enjoyable to read, and accompanied by colourful, detailed illustrations.



*Greek Heroes* (Geraldine McCaughrean) is a more intense read. It describes the adventures of mythical heroes, their strength and courage, and their fight to overcome monsters and the wrath of the gods.

### **Homework:**

Homework is given every Friday and is to be handed in by the following **Thursday**:

- The homework tasks are English, spelling and maths.
- Spellings are set weekly and tested on Friday; these focus on the statutory spellings and spelling rules from the National Curriculum for Years 5/6 that the children have been learning in school.
- Reading: we encourage all the children to read **at least 5 times a week** and discuss what they have read with an adult. This should then be recorded in their Accelerated Reader Reading Record. Please discuss new vocabulary with your child and record these words in the Reading Record.
- All children can access myON, an online platform giving them access to digital books, with their individual login, which can be obtained from the class teacher if needed.  
<https://www.myon.co.uk/> A myON user guide is available on the school website in Class Pages.

### **P.E.:**

P.E. will be taught by our sports coach Mr Moon.

P.E. lessons are on **Wednesdays and Fridays**.

It is important that the children come to school in their PE kits on these days. This needs to include an outdoor kit which is joggers, sweatshirt and trainers and indoor kit which is shorts, T-shirt and plimsolls.

#### **Health & Safety reminder:**

Long hair must be tied back and no jewellery to be worn during P.E. lessons; if earrings cannot be removed, they require taping over (tape must be provided from home).

### **Water:**

It is important that the children have a reusable water bottle in school each day so they can stay hydrated and are able to concentrate. The children have access to fresh water so they can refill their bottle as needed.

### **Diary dates**

Year 6 trip to Warning Zone, Leicester: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026

School recycling week: 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

National Storytelling Week: 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Assessment week: 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Children's Mental Health Week: 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Keep looking at website for information and activities. If you have any queries or questions at any time, then please feel free to telephone or email the school office.

Finally, keep an eye on Townland's Facebook page and Weduc for the latest updates and successes.