



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

Second Half Term

TEACHERS: Mrs Brown

Welcome back to school and an exciting half-term of learning.

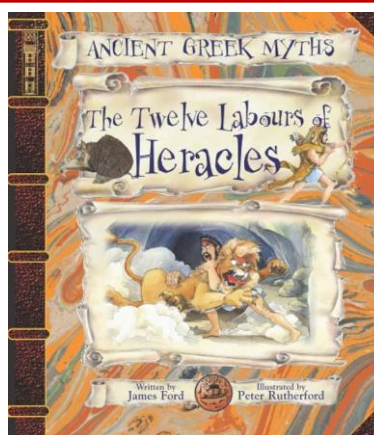
This half-term, we will continue to learn about ancient Greece in our history and English lessons. In science, we will explore evolution and inheritance. We will study the life and achievements of Charles Darwin, find out how different species have adapted and evolved over thousands of years, understand how characteristics are inherited by offspring, and learn how fossils are formed and their value for understanding living things.

We will also continue to ensure our Year 6 children are fully prepared for the end of KS2 SATs and for the transition to high school.

Enhancing our learning and promoting a love of reading:



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.



King Eurystheus has set Heracles twelve seemingly impossible tasks, which will take him all over the known world and test the limits of his strength and ingenuity. Can he overcome the odds?

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:

Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th February 2026
Year 6 SATs parents' information meeting: Monday 2nd March 2026
World Book Day: Thursday 5th March 2026
Film Night (Years 4, 5 & 6): Thursday 12th March 2026
Practise SATs: week commencing 9th March 2026
Science Week: week commencing 9th March 2026
Easter Church Service: Tuesday 24th March 2026

Keep looking at our pages on the 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 our new Facebook page for the latest updates and successes in school..