



# Newsletter

Class Pratchett/Morpurgo  
Spring Term 1 2026



## Curriculum overview

This half term we will begin by focusing on *Rose Blanche by Ian McEwan*. An exceptionally moving picture book in which the reader views the sorrow of war through a young girl's eyes. Rose Blanche discovers a concentration camp full of children in the forest near her hometown and silently takes food to them for the remainder of the war. Heartbreakingly, there is no happy ending for Rose Blanche. Roberto Innocenti's illustrations create a powerful and eloquent text.

We will also focus on *Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll*. Letters from the Lighthouse portrays the impact WWII had on children, in an easy-to-understand way. Mystery and suspense have been cleverly woven throughout the book, giving children a hook to keep wanting to come back to the story. The treatment of Jewish people during the war is covered with sensitivity; through the eyes of open-minded and relatable characters. Children reading this book are able to gain an insight into prejudice and the power of their voice when speaking out against it.



## Rocket Readers

Your child needs to be reading at least 3 times a week. This is vital for their progress in all areas of the curriculum! We are aiming for Y6 to have 100% rocket readers!

Please read with your child, ask them questions, discuss their book and record in their reading journal to bring back to school every day.



## Personal Development

In Personal Development we will focus on knowing the risks and effects of legal and illegal drugs and their impact on health. This will lead on to learning about different strategies for managing challenging situations and peer influence.



## Good News

We have seen great improvement in our Autumn 2 Mock SATs scores! Hopefully the great improvement will continue into Spring Term.

Lots of children have brought in some beautiful and creative homework!

We have also noticed that many children are reading at home, so thank you for all your support!



## Home learning

### Help at home by....

- Reading at least 3 times a week and recording in their reading journal or on E Platform or Wheelers!
- Ensuring that your child completes their homework each week as this will support their learning.
- Help your child to learn their Y5/6 spellings and play on spelling shed.
- Make sure your child is regularly using Sumdog to support with SATs revision.

Recommended websites:

- SumDog
- Magma Maths
- EdShed
- TTRS



## Maths and English

This half term, we will be focusing on ratio, algebra and decimals. We will be sending lots of practice in our weekly homework! Children can also practice through their magma maths app.



## Events and Key Dates

Parent Event: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January  
2026 @ 2:15pm

PE DAYS :  
Wednesday and Friday

