



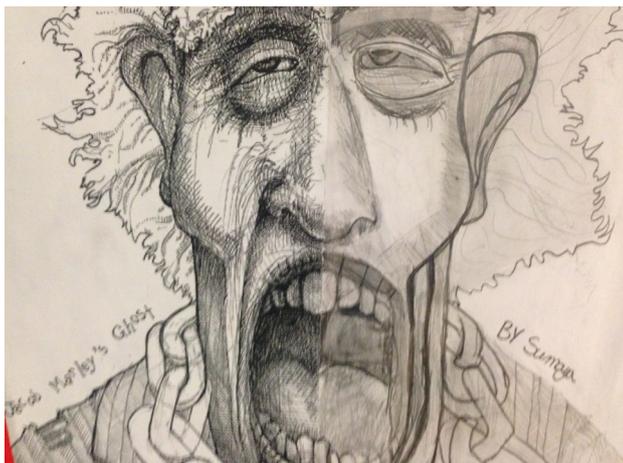
Year 5 and 6 Newsletter Spring 1

Dear parents / carers ,

Welcome back and a happy new year to you all. Last term, some fantastic learning took place across the phase. I am looking forward to seeing our older students continue to develop academically. Even though your child might be leaving us for secondary school soon, they still benefit enormously from the interest you show in their education. Please listen to your child read every night and take the time to discuss what they've been learning in school. Mathematics remains a resource that can be used to help reinforce what has been taught in school. Please encourage your child to log on daily.

In our phase, we are working hard to ensure the children continue to develop socially and emotionally. The year 5 students have shown real maturity by carrying out lunch duties, whilst children across the phase have worked hard as library monitors, supporting their classes with using the library properly. It was wonderful to take Gainsborough students to sing carols at a nursing home in December. We couldn't have been more proud of them!

Please keep an eye out in future newsletters for details on how your 6 student might apply to become a school prefect. We would like children who feel ready for this responsibility to apply for the position. More details will follow!



Sumaya's fantastic drawing of Marley's ghost.



Thank you to all of the adults who came to see our KS2 Christmas Play. This half term we will continue to provide opportunities for children to access the arts. Year 6 have a trip to see Romeo and Juliet, whilst year 5 are going to take part in art workshops. Keep an eye on the school website, where we will share their work.

Year 5 Our science topic is 'Can you feel the Force?' Children will be conducting experiments to test hypothesis. Through this topic they will learn more about friction and gravity. In their topic work, they will learn about Ancient Egyptians. They will explore how archaeologists have helped us learn about the past. The children will research the lives of the pharaohs. PE days have changed to Wednesday and Friday and a full outdoor kit is required.

Year 6 In science, the children will learn about habitats and in their topic work, they will have the chance to find out about the golden age of Islam. Our main focus will be in preparing the children to take their year 6 exams in May, so there will be a big push on consolidating grammar skills and spellings.

Homework. We have looked again at how we are setting homework in KS2. Homework is set regularly and your child should bring 10 spellings home every week to learn for a test on Friday. We always welcome parent feedback, so if you have any questions or concerns please do speak to your child's teacher. I am also available before and after school to meet with you and discuss your child's learning.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday after school at the maths workshops.

Ms Roberts Assistant Head