

# Year 6

## Newsletter - Spring 2026

### What Are We Learning in Year 6?



Before Christmas, we finished reading '**Street Child**' by **Berlie Doherty** '**Holes**' by **Louis Sachar**.

We are now exploring an anthology of stories called '*Survivors – Extraordinary Tales from the Wild and Beyond*' by David Long.

In writing, we are looking at another survival story: the journey of Ernest Shackleton as he attempted to cross Antarctica in 1914. We will be writing letters and doing some story writing based on this real-life adventure.

In maths, we will be covering decimals and percentages, as well as lots of revision and work on problem-solving.

Our history focus this term is World War I. We will be learning about the reasons wars start, how they impact the countries involved and how they are resolved.

In geography we will focus on the Amazon Rainforest biome.

Our science topic is evolution. We will be looking at the process of evolution and learning about the work of Charles Darwin.

Our music lessons will involve singing and using a variety of percussion instruments.

In art we are starting our photography unit on forced perspective – get ready for some tricks of the eye!

### Boosters

Year six boosters began at the start of January. We do after-school boosters for reading and maths. Thank you to everyone for supporting your child's learning by encouraging them to attend – if anyone hasn't come to boosters yet but would like to, let us know!

### Other Information

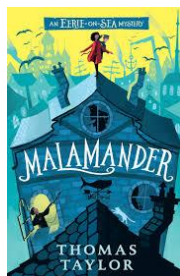
- Year 6 PE is on a **Wednesday** afternoon. Please make sure your child comes to school in appropriate clothing for PE.
- Please make sure your child brings a reusable water bottle into school.
- We will continue to use Class Dojo to send messages and share learning. Please let us know if you are having trouble logging in.
- Homework in year 6 is given out on a Thursday and is due back in the following Thursday. New spellings to practice are shared on Tuesdays.

### Uniform

Thank you to everyone who is arriving at school in the correct uniform. Can we remind children and parents that jewellery, make-up and false nails are **not** part of our Netherfield uniform.

### Reading Recommendations

#### **Malamander**



by Thomas Taylor  
Rated ★★★★★  
by Ms McElhone

#### **Lost on Gibbon Island**



by Jess Butterworth  
Rated ★★★★★  
by Mrs Holdridge

