

# Year 6 Update – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Welcome back to school and to the spring term; we hope you had a restful Christmas break. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your very generous gifts and good wishes we received before the holidays. We genuinely appreciate your kindness and generosity.

The spring term will see the children do lots of class work as they head towards the Easter holidays at the end of March. We hope, throughout this time, you will continue to find the weekly updates an important guide in following the work your child is doing in Year 6.

## Religious Education

- This week we started our new topic: Galilee to Jerusalem.
- We will be studying key texts from the Gospel of John as part of this unit.

**Vocabulary: Cana, Bethseda, Lazarus, Sacraments**

## Pre-learning

### English

- This week we started a new topic based on the book: 'The Field Guide to the Fantastical World Around You' from the Spiderwick Chronicles series.  
<https://spiderwick.fandom.com/wiki/Cockatrice>
- The children completed a comprehension based on this text to familiarise themselves with it.
- They then learnt about a creature called a 'cockatrice'. You can find out more about here:

[Cockatrice | Spiderwick Chronicles Wiki | Fandom](https://spiderwick.fandom.com/wiki/Cockatrice)

## Vocabulary:

literal, inference, predictions, fantasy, venomous, petrify

## Pre-learning

- Next week the children will be writing an information text about the cockatrice

## Q and A with Katherine Rundell

- Year 5 and 6 enjoyed an online presentation by the award-winning children's author: Katherine Rundell yesterday.
- It was a fascinating insight into how she generates the ideas for her books and gave the children some very useful tips they could use to inspire their writing too.
- You can find out more information about her here:

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/author/katherine-rundell/>

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## **Mathematics**

- This week we revised methods for solving short division sums and how to show the quotient (the answer of a division sum) as a decimal fraction.

## **Vocabulary:**

quotient, divisor, dividend, remainder

## **Pre-learning**

- Next week we will be learning about equivalent fractions.

## **Other Information**

- Swimming lessons will resume on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January for selected Year 6 children.
- If your child is continuing with swimming lessons please ensure you have given permission and paid via the School Gateway.

Have a lovely weekend

The Year 6 team 😊