

Our Topic

"THE HIGHWAYMAN"

This term we will be reading and enjoying this famous narrative poem by Alfred Noyes which is written in true ballad form and is full of action, drama and passion!

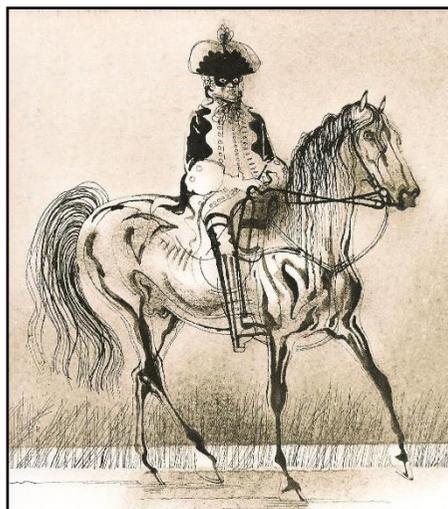
The wider topic that this poem fits into is called '**Crime & Punishment**'. Through philosophical enquiry, creative writing, poetry, drama, art and design, we will explore this topic sensitively, researching the often-brutal way that the rule of law was enforced in British society through history, comparing it to modern day practices. With the help of two special guests, we will be kicking this topic off by attempting to get our heads around the inquiry question: "**HOW DO DECISIONS GET MADE IN BRITISH SOCIETY?**" and linking this with democracy.

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Contacting Us

As you know, we set up the Google Classroom for online learning and this will stay in place should we go back into lockdown or if your child has to isolate for an extended period. This is also an excellent method of communicating with you and your children.

Please use my Gmail address:

gkeymer@stmichaelspri.co.uk to contact me directly, but as Mr Mottram explained this week, do be aware that responses will be based on my working hours and the urgency of your query. For urgent enquiries contact the office and leave a message.

Catching the attention of one of us for a really quick, socially-distanced chat over the wall in the morning at drop-off will still be a great way of passing on those all-important daily messages!

Reading

Reading is vitally important – among other things, it will help your child develop their vocabulary, concentration, spelling and punctuation! Please encourage them to read for a minimum of 20 minutes every day where possible, ideally just before they go to bed. If possible, try to hear them read and ask them about the books they are reading – the characters, settings, interesting words and twists in the plot!

When all the systems in school are up and running, the children will be given lots of opportunities to read including independent reading and various forms of guided reading. We will expect the children to take the Accelerated Reader quiz when they finish their books, but they still have access to the **myON digital library** which is another great resource!

P.E.

Our PE days are **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. We would like the children to come to school in their PE kits on these days, in a further attempt to limit infection. As we head towards autumn and it is quickly getting colder, they could wear their school jumpers and tracksuit bottoms over their PE t-shirt and shorts.

This term we will be playing lots of team-building games and attempting various physical challenges designed to encourage the children to communicate effectively and work together. I will also be teaching them how to play 'hand-tennis', which again will have a multi-ability and multi-skill approach – allowing them to not only develop their physical ability, but will challenge their social, cognitive, creative and personal skills!

Finally, to get the children more active over the course of the day, every class will be encouraged to take part in **the daily mile** which the children can complete at their own pace. We will be using the field for this so they will therefore need a pair of old trainers that will be OK to get muddy to be kept in school for daily use!