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'It Really Does Matter'

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Summer 1 Rich Read

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term, Year 6 will read 'Then' by Morris Gleitzman as their Summer 1 'rich read' in our *Lest We Forget* topic. This is the second book in the 'Once' series. The children were captivated by the story of 'Once', which we read during the previous half-term, so they are very keen to continue reading on to find out what happens next.

Both 'Once' and 'Then' are stories based on the experience of Jewish people during WWII. They are extremely powerful, compelling stories about two young children called Felix and Zelda. The series of books is highly recommended for schools to use with this age group. However, we do want to highlight that the story in 'Then' contains some very sad and potentially upsetting moments; unfortunately, these represent the reality of the situation for Jewish people during WWII. This includes the Nazis killing some of the characters in the story. Year 6 teachers will therefore be extremely sensitive and careful when talking about this with the children.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact me to discuss this further.

Thank you for your continued support.

Luke McCoy
Year 6 Year Leader