

Ode to Year Six
September 2019 – August 2020

It somehow seems an age ago
When you walked through the classroom door
Some of you had just turned five
And some were only four
Different from our other years
That was plain to see
Lots of boys around the place
Few girls – just meant to be!

We took you to the Pumpkin farm
You really loved the mud
That's always how you've loved to learn
Outside – that's when it was good
Do you remember the trip to Southport?
The pier and the penny arcade
The long walk down to reach it
No time for a bucket and spade!

You led us in the Advent service
And the Ash Wednesday liturgy too
You made us think about our world
Inequalities came into view
You've always been fundraisers
Cafod, Jack Riding, Alder Hey
Always knowing our small actions
Can really save the day

We helped you make your Sacraments
Eucharist and Reconciliation
We've watched you grow and develop
You've learned to love, to care, be patient
I went with you to Telford
We all stepped back in time
Blists Hill and Jackfield Tile Museum
Making candles and learned of iron.

We saw the bridge across the Severn
Victorian rules – a very hard life
We saw the paupers cottages
An existence full of strife

And then you'd finally made it
Year six – top of the school
Sporting teams. Cross country races
Sats, music concert, performance – we would put you through your paces

Then suddenly, one day in March
A virus called a halt
To all those things we'd planned for you
It wasn't at all our fault
You switched to online learning
Not quite the same as games on Xbox or PS4
Stay in, stay safe, keep well
No friends knocking on your door
We kept in touch remotely
For most it just wasn't the same
Video blogs and Instagram pictures
Rainbows without the rain

So here we are
So near the end
A time for us to part
But make sure you take those memories and etch them on your heart

You will always be a special year
No matter what comes hence
So go now and make your mark
No sitting on the fence

You can be what you want to be
Of that we have no doubt
Always believe that you just can
Don't be tempted to opt out

Dream big, Aspire as always
To be the best that you can be
Make us proud class of 19/20
With love from us all at Great Crosby
.....and from me especially!

Love

Mrs Speed x