

Dear Parents / Carers,

In English we have been studying 'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness. A Monster Calls is a fantasy drama in which a boy encounters a monster in the form of a tree which helps him through a difficult period (the loss of his mother). The children have enjoyed reading the book, and we would like to watch the film to support our learning. The film adaptation is a 12a rated film due to moderate scenes of threat and some scenes of emotional distress.

BBFC guidance states that:

- There are scenes of moderate threat as a huge tree comes to life and appears to directly threaten a boy.
- There are also repeated images, in dream sequences, of a collapsing building and crumbling ground which leaves the boy's mother clinging to a ledge above a chasm.
- There are scenes of emotional distress in which a boy has to come to terms with his mother's condition.
- There is a theme of terminal illness and bereavement.
- There are scenes of bullying in a school setting.

This story has been carefully selected by the teachers as a way to develop empathy and emotional intelligence in pupils.

If you have any concerns or questions, or would like to withdraw your child from watching this film, please feel free to contact the Year 5 teachers on 01902 556 434 or e-mail Mr Skywalker at lskywalker@stlukesprimary.co.uk

Kind Regards,

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