

# Dates for the Diary

| <u>Advent Term Dates</u>  | <u>Academic Year 2022-23 Dates</u>   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet the Teacher – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023</li> <li>Year 6 leading the Liturgy of the Word at Good Shepherd Church – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October.</li> <li>Parents' Evening – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.</li> <li>Writes Photography (individual and family photos) – 7<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>Remembrance Day Liturgy led by Year 6 - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 10:45.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SATs Week – w/b 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024.</li> <li>End of Year 6 production – performances w/b 22<sup>nd</sup> July.</li> </ul> <p>We are currently finalising plans for our Year 6 residential. Once these are complete, we will send out an additional letter with all the key information.</p> |

## Meet the Year 6 Team

- Mrs. Moore (6AM Class Teacher)
- Mr. Barfield (6JB Class Teacher)
- Mrs. Cordes (6JB Class Teacher)
- Miss Murphy (Teaching Assistant)
- Miss Morris (Teaching Assistant)
- Mr. McLaughlin (Teaching Assistant)
- Mr. Connolly (PE)
- Mr. Fox (Music)
- Madame Naturel (French)

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## General Information

- As a school, we have a range of methods to communicate with you. Please continue to check the school website.
- Independence skills are a life skill which you can help your child to develop by encouraging them to empty their bag every day and hand you letters, their Homework Diary containing messages or any other information. This is especially important in Year 6 as we work together to prepare the children for secondary school.
- It is essential that EVERY uniform item is clearly labelled as it wastes a lot of valuable learning time identifying lost items. Please send your child in with an appropriately sized bag, just big enough to fit their reading folder and a **named** water bottle.
- KS2 Celebration Assembly will take place every fortnight at 2:35. Parents are welcome to join us.

## Behaviour – The Good Shepherd Way

We are very proud of the behaviour at The Good Shepherd. We have spent time over our first two days revisiting 'The Good Shepherd Way' and teaching the children the behavioural expectations in different situations e.g. playground behaviour, classroom behaviour, manners. The children have really risen to the challenge and are showcasing some excellent behaviour in class and around school! Please check Class Dojo regularly to see how many 'Mission Merits' your child has received.

We know that there are times when children will need a reminder to make the right choices regarding their behaviour and to reflect on any wrong choices that they make. Our behaviour system helps them to do this. Please see our Behaviour Policy on The Good Shepherd School website for more information.

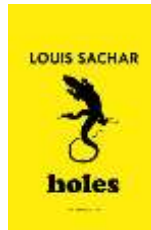
## English – Writing

- Description setting – Describing the Galapagos Islands.
- Diary entry – from the perspective of Covington (main character from Darwin's Dragons).
- Poetry – Remembrance/War poems.
- Balanced argument.

## English – Reading

**Class Text** – 'Darwin's Dragons' by Lindsay Galvin.

**Reading for Pleasure** – Holes by Louis Sachar & The Last Post by Keith Champion.



## MATHS

This term we will be focusing on the following areas:

- Place value (reading, writing, order, comparing numbers up to 10 million; rounding numbers; negative numbers).
- Four operations (addition, subtractions multiplication and division; factors and multiplies).
- Fractions (comparing and ordering; simplifying; adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions; fractions of amounts).
- Converting measures (metric measures and their equivalences; imperial measures and their equivalences; miles to kilometers).
- Key number facts (e.g. times tables) will be practiced regularly.

## Religious Education



- Key topics: Loving, Vocation and Commitment and Expectations.
- Judaism Week: w/b 20<sup>th</sup> November.
- Children will have regular opportunities to take part and lead collective worships in class and across the school.
- Year 6 children have the opportunity to support the parish community by reading at The Good Shepherd church. More information will be sent out regarding this.



## SCIENCE



Our Science topics this term are the following:

- Evolution and inheritance. The children will learn about Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution. They will explore how animals inherit features from their parents and how they can adapt to their environment in order to survive.
- Animals, including humans – the circulatory system and healthy lifestyles. The children will learn about the human heart, as well as its key features and functions. They will have the opportunity to dissect a lamb's heart. The children will explore how diet, exercise and drugs affect our lifestyles.

## Geography

In Advent 1, our Geography topic is called 'The North and South Pole'. We learn about the location, climate and key geographical features of the polar regions, as well as explore the types of plants and animals that have adapted to survive in these unique habitats. The children will also consider the impact of climate change on the polar regions.



## HISTORY



In Advent 2, our History topic will focus on the Ancient Maya and we will explore the question 'Why should we study the Maya?'

We will explore the following themes: where the Ancient Maya fit into the chronology of other periods taught, where the Maya were located and examples of major cities (such as Chichen Itza), Maya beliefs, culture, society and technology and the significance of the Maya today, including the mystery surrounding their disappearance and decline.

## Computing

This term we will be focusing on the following topics in our Computing lessons:

- Coding/Programming – Introduction to Python.
- E-Safety (linked to anti-bullying week)



# PSHE



Our PSHE focus is 'Health and Wellbeing'. We will be exploring the following themes: the differences between physical and mental health, strategies to cope with strong feelings, how to seek support for their mental health and strategies to cope with loss and bereavement.

In Advent 2, our focus is 'Relationships'. We are lucky to have The Great Project team working with us to explore this topic throughout the half term. More information to follow

# Music

## Advent 1 - Ostinato

Compose and notate a rhythmic and melodic ostinato.

## Advent 2 - Scales

Explore scales, arpeggios and chords. Sing as part of a choir with a sense of ensemble and performance.



# French

The children will continue to revisit key learning from their Year 5 French lessons. They will also be learning the following this term:

- Express times of day and times on the hour
- French vocabulary for clothes
- Recite numbers 1 to 50

# PE

- Year 6 will have their PE lessons on **Wednesday** mornings and **Thursday** afternoons. They will need to come to school in their PE kits on these days.
- Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Cordes will teach PE on a Wednesday. This term we will cover 'Tag Rugby' and 'Orienteering'.
- Mr. Connelly will teach PE on a Thursday. This term Mr. Connelly will cover 'Gymnastics' and 'Dodgeball'.

# ART AND DT

In Advent 1, our art focus will be drawing, and the children will be creating self-portraits in the style of Frida Kahlo.

In Advent 2, our DT topic is called 'Marbelous Structures'. The children will design and create their own marble run game! We need lots of cardboard for this, so we'd appreciate any donations around October time. Likewise, if you have any old marble run games you no longer need, these will come in handy for us to use in lesson!

## Homework

Year 6 will receive a range of homework throughout the year. For the first half term, the whole school homework will focus just on daily reading.

- Daily reading (20mins+).
- Weekly spellings – given out, and tested, on Thursdays.
- Daily mental maths – developing quick recall of facts, e.g. use knowledge of place value and multiplication facts to  $12 \times 12$  to derive multiplication and division facts involving decimals, e.g.  $0.8 \times 7 = 5.4$ .
- Weekly maths task linked to current learning (20 mins) – given out every Thursday, due back every Monday.
- Weekly knowledge organiser task linked to the subject driver (20 mins).
- SAT's preparation/revision (Feb onwards).