

# Dates for the Diary

<u>Advent Term Dates</u>	<u>Academic Year 2023-24 Dates</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SATs Meeting for Parents – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 5pm (please note the change of date).</li><li>• Whole school art exhibition – 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February.</li><li>• Non-uniform day (bring an item for the Arnold Foodbank) – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February.</li><li>• Parents' Evening – w/b 4<sup>th</sup> March.</li><li>• Year 6 Readers at Church – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February.</li><li>• Stations of the Cross at Church – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SATs Week – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May.</li><li>• Year 6 residential visit to Kingswood – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.</li><li>• End of Year 6 Production – w/b 22<sup>nd</sup> July.</li></ul>

## Meet the Year 6 Team

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

### Year 6 Residential to Kingswood

We are excited to announce the Year 6 residential will be a 2-night stay at Kingswood Centre in Dearne Valley, South Yorkshire. The children will take part in the 'Adventure' programme which involves a variety of outdoor pursuits from ariel adventure to team building problem solving. The whole of Year 6 will go together and it promises to be a fun, unique experience as they prepare for their transition to secondary school. A letter giving further details will follow next week.



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## Behaviour – The Good Shepherd Way

We are very proud of the behaviour at The Good Shepherd. However, to make this even better, we have introduced the children to 'The Good Shepherd Way'. We have spent a lot of time 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.

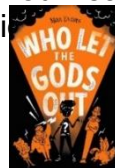
## English – Writing

- Balanced argument – animals in captivity.
- Ancient Greek myths – Defeating a monster story.
- Poetry.
- World Book Week inspired writing.

## English – Reading

**'Who Let the Gods Out' By Maz Evans** (linked to our History topic – Ancient Greece).

We will continue to read a range of other fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts alongside our class texts. We will be sharing a number of Greek myths and reading 'The Hobbit' by JRR Tolkien in our reading for pleasure session.



## MATHS



This term we will be focusing on the following areas:

- Algebra
- Fractions, decimals and percentages
- Four operations involving decimal numbers.
- Converting measures
- Area, perimeter and volume of shape
- Properties of shape (including angles)
- Position of shape
- Statistics
- Key number facts (e.g. times tables) will be practiced regularly.

Children should continue to access Times Tables Rock Stars regularly in order to maintain their speed/accuracy with learning their number facts.

## Religious Education



- Key topics: Sources, Unity, Death and New Life.
- 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.
- Please join us for our Stations of the Cross Service at The Good Shepherd Church on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March.



## SCIENCE



Our Science topics this term are the following:

- 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.
- Living things. The children will learn about how living things (plants, animals and micro-organisms) can be classified, they will know how to use a classification tree to support with this and they will investigate what micro-organisms are.

## Geography

In Lent 2, the children will compare the physical geography of three countries: the UK, France and China. They will explore key physical features such as rivers, climate and mountains and they will be able to locate the three countries, and their oceans, on a map.



## HISTORY



In Advent 2, our History topic will focus on the Ancient Greeks and we will explore the question 'What did the Greeks do for us?'

We will explore the following themes: where the ancient Greeks fit into the chronology of other periods taught, city states (Athens and Sparta), the ancient Olympic Games, Greek gods, warfare and the legacy and impact of the Ancient Greeks on Western Civilisation today. Children will make links to other historical periods they have studied, such as the Romans.

## Computing

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

- Data Handling
- E-Safety (linked to anti-bullying week)

We will take part in Safer Internet Day in February.



# PSHE

Our PSHE focus during Lent 1 is 'Health and Wellbeing: Keeping Safe'. We will explore drug education within this topic.

In Lent 2, our focus is 'Relationships: Consent'. We will explore safe relationships, and this will include information around consent, the law around marriage and forced marriage.

As always, these topics will continue to be taught sensitively.



# MUSIC

## Lent 1 – Trailblazers

Read and perform from rhythm notation in up to four parts, identifying note names, expanding on known rhythm notation.

## Lent 2 – Samba Music

Further develop an understanding of syncopated rhythms.



# French

Our French learning this term:

- Ask and answer questions about family members
- Begin to learn the verb 'avoir' (to have): J'ai (I have) and 'Je n'ai pas' (I have not/I haven't)
- Use the connective, 'aussi' (also)
- Use quantifier words 'très' and 'assez'; learn 'un peu'
- Know the names for pets; the names for zoo animals
- Review numbers 11 to 31

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Year 6 will have their PE lessons on Wednesday 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 'Dance' and 'Tennis'.
- Mr. Connelly will teach PE on a Thursday. This term Mr. Connelly will cover 'Basketball' and 'Gymnastics'.

# ART AND DT

In Lent 1, our art topic is 'Sculptures' and the children will explore making sculptures using wire and this will link to their work on the ancient Greeks through making pottery.

In Lent 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 February 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 homework a range of homework throughout the year:

- Daily reading (20mins+), at least twice with an adult at home.
- 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 math's 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)