

Dates for the Diary

Key Dates

- SATs Week – Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May (breakfast starts at 8:15).
- Kingswood residential: Wednesday 1st May – Friday 3rd May (arrive back at school for 2:45).
- Mental Health Day (wear green) – Friday 17th May
- Aspirations Day – Friday 24th May.

Academic Year 2023-24 Dates

- SATs Celebration Trip – July (date TBC).
- Year 6 End of Year Musical - w/b 22nd July.
- Leavers Mass at The Good Shepherd Church – Friday 26th July.

Meet the Year 6 Team

- Mr. Barfield (6JB Class Teacher)
- Mrs. Moore (6AM 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)

Our School Mission Statement





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Behaviour – The Good Shepherd Way

We are very proud of the behaviour at The Good Shepherd. Children continue to follow the '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.

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.

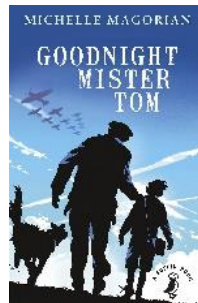
English – Writing

- Narrative – Mythical Stories – Defeating the Monster.
- Letter writing in WWII
- Newspaper recounts WWII

English – Reading

Pentecost Text – Goodnight, Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian (linked to our History topic – World War 2).

We will continue to read a range of other fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts alongside our class texts.



MATHS



This term we will be revising a number of core elements of our maths curriculum in preparation for our SATs, but also to ensure our children are secondary ready. We will focus on the following areas:

- Place value of numbers to 10 million.
- Four operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Fractions, decimals and percentages.
- Converting measures.
- Angles in shapes.
- Area, perimeter and volume.
- Time.
- Position and direction of shapes.

The children should continue to practice their times tables and other key number facts.

Religious Education



- Key topics: Witnesses, Healing and Common Good.
- 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.



SCIENCE



This term, we will be completing our topic on classification. We will also be studying two physics topics:

- Electricity – representing symbols on a simple circuit; drawing simple circuits; make predictions about whether certain components will work in a given circuit; and know that voltage is the measure of power of a cell to produce electricity.
- Light & Sight – know the direction in which light travels; how we can see objects; the structure of the eye; what refraction is; and objects that are transparent, translucent and opaque.

Geography

In Pentecost 2, we will be study trade between the UK and other countries in Europe and around the world. This will involve an element of fieldwork in the local area where we will study our local economy. We will also develop our map reading skills as part of a transition unit for secondary school.



HISTORY



In Pentecost 1, our History topic will focus on the impact of WW2 on Britain and we will explore the question 'What was the impact of WW2 on life in Britain and beyond?'

We will explore the following themes: the factors that led to the start of WW2; key individuals such as Hitler, Churchill and Starlin; the Blitz and its impact; the evacuation of children; the role of women and how this changed; the role of the commonwealth; key turning points in the war, such as the Battle of Britain.

Computing

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

- Computing Systems and Networks: Bletchley Park
- Data Handling
- Creating Media: History of Computers



PSHE

Our PSHE focus is 'Living in the Wider World'. We will explore what human rights are and children will be able to name some of these. We will also explore stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination.

In Pentecost 2, we will explore growing and changing which will focus on some of the changes children will experience during puberty.



MUSIC

Pentecost 1 – Hip Hop

Explore hip-hop composing new lyrics to a known song.

Pentecost 2 – Transition Project

Plan, compose, and notate an 8 or 16 beat melody in ternary form. Accompany composition with chords.



French

Our French learning this term:

- The four seasons and vocabulary associated with these
- Weather phrases
- Describing where they live and its position in the UK
- Words for north, south, west and east
- Cultural learning – that France is a republic

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 badminton and rounders.
- Mr. Connelly will teach PE on a Thursday. This term Mr. Connelly will cover cricket and athletics.

ART AND DT

In Pentecost 1, our art topic is all about landscapes. The children will study the work of David Hockney. They will explore how to use paint to create different effects and develop their sketching skills.

In Pentecost 2, our DT topic is food technology. The children will prepare a range of sweet and savory dishes inspired by the recipes used in Britain during WW2 using rationed ingredients.

Homework

Year 6 will continue to receive homework a range of homework:

- Daily reading (20mins+), at least twice with an adult at home.
- Daily mental maths – developing quick recall of facts, e.g. use knowledge of place value and multiplication facts to 12×12 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)